Islamic Covenant Theology

The Complete Illustrated Edition

Every cited Qur'an ayah, every indexed hadith, every lexicon term —
each rendered as a distinct relationship diagram, varied by content and covenantal axis.

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Part I

Concept Diagrams — the corpus's core visual arguments

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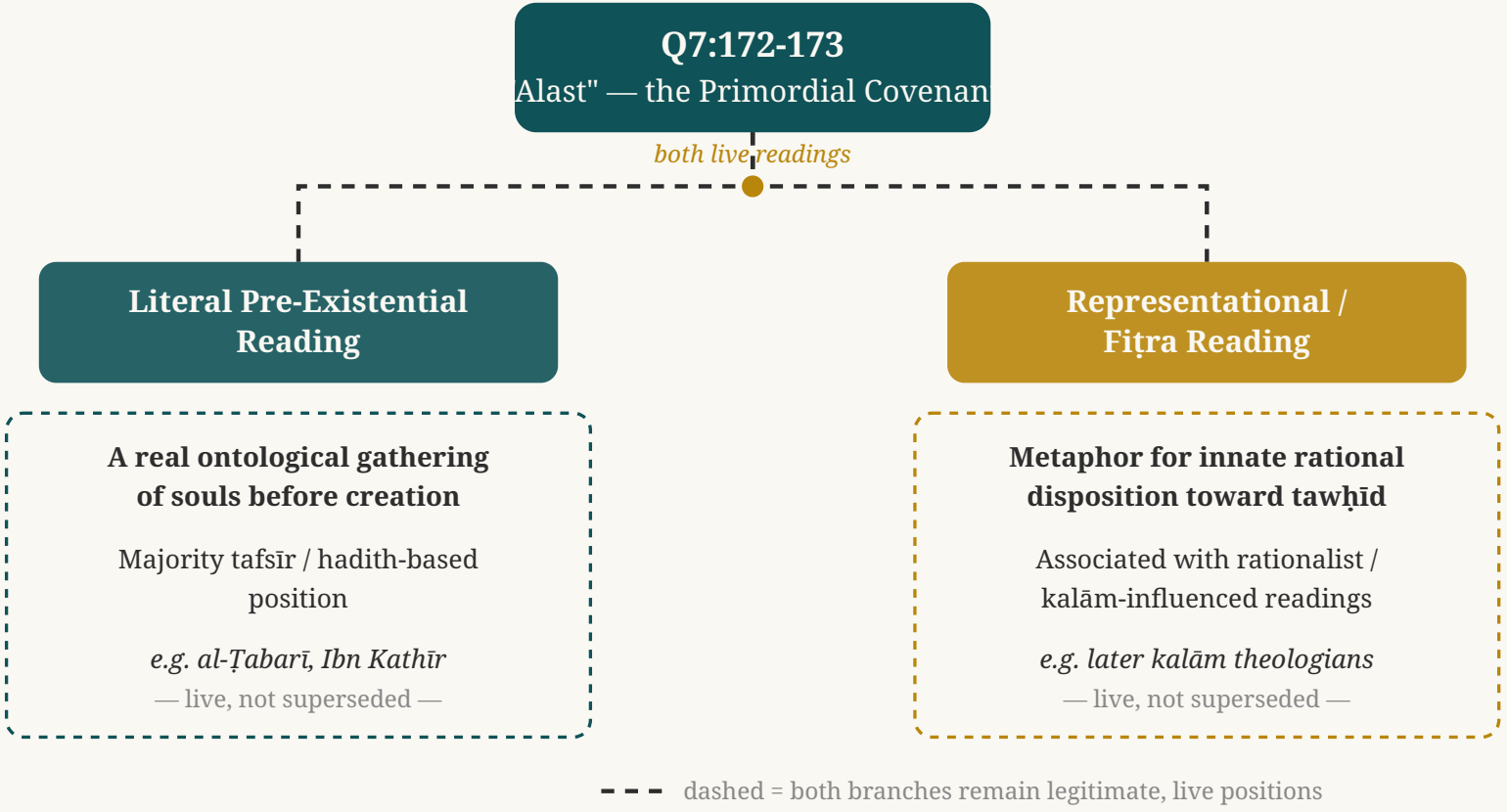
CONCEPT DIAGRAM

The Alast Debate: A Genuine Scholarly Fork

Q7:172-173 — the Covenant of Alast in classical tafsīr


Q7:172-173
Alast" — the Primordial Covenan
both live readings
Literal Pre-Existential Reading
Representational / Fiṭra Reading
A real ontological gathering of souls before creation
Majority tafsīr / hadith-based position
e.g. al-Ṭabarī, Ibn Kathīr
— live, not superseded —
Metaphor for innate rational disposition toward tawḥīd
Associated with rationalist / kalām-influenced readings
e.g. later kalām theologians
— live, not superseded —
dashed = both branches remain legitimate, live positions

Genuinely disputed among classical scholars — no forced false unity.

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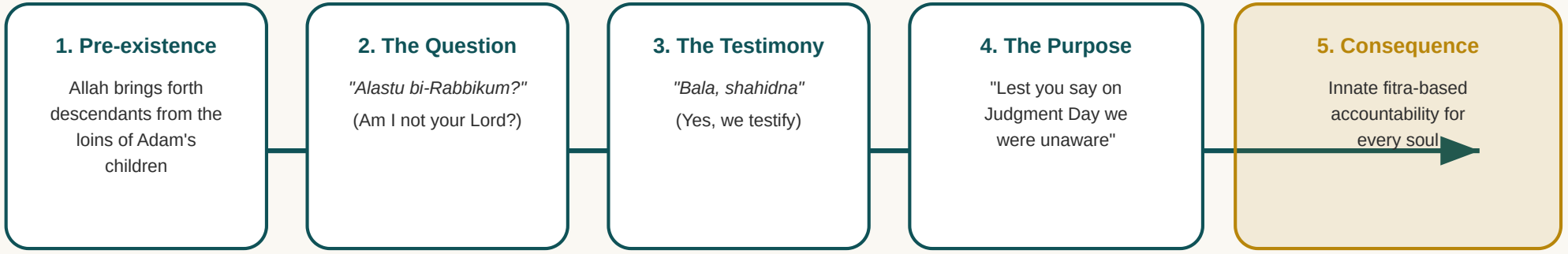
The Primordial Covenant of Alast

Qur'an 7:172-173

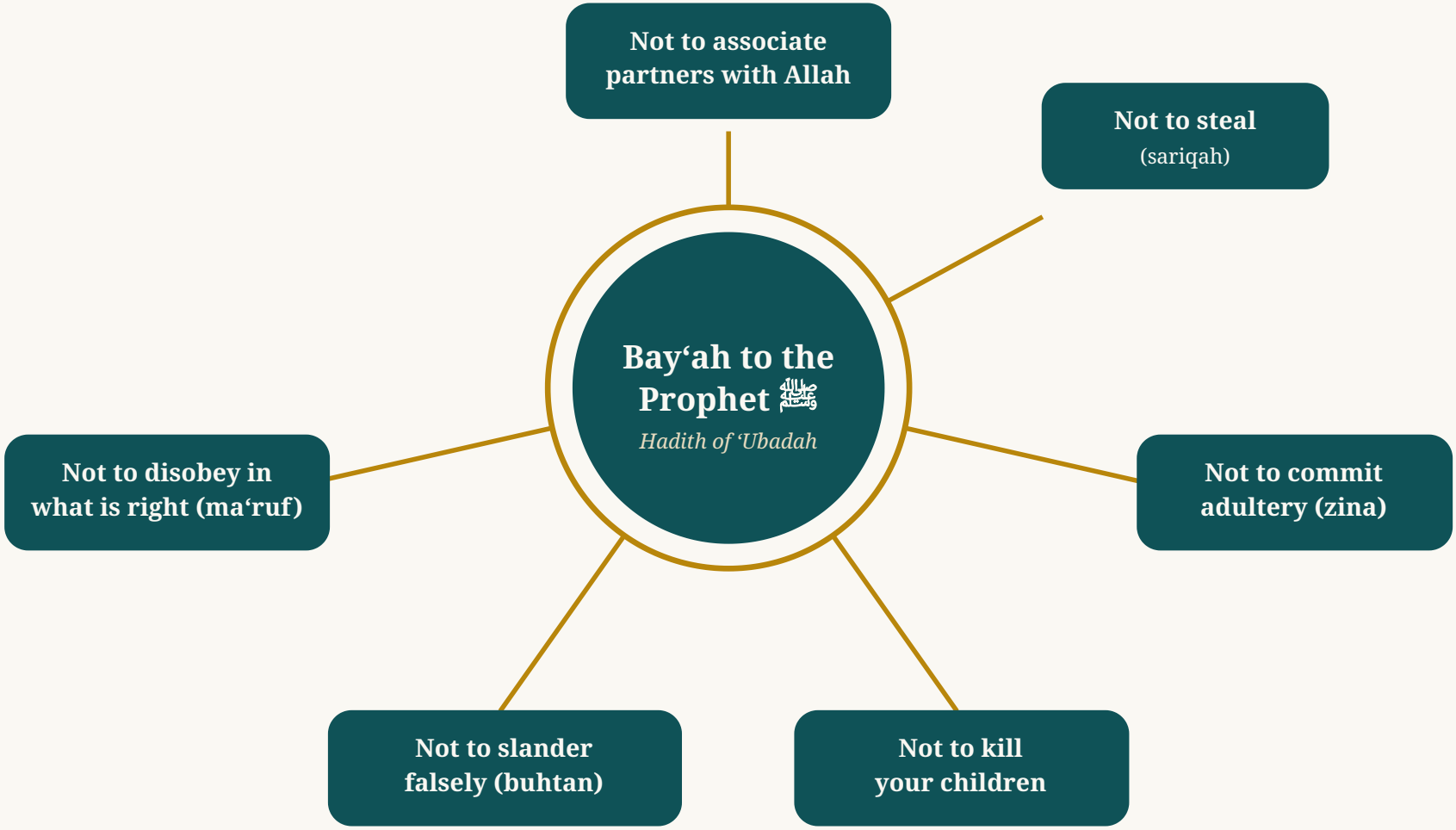

1. Pre-existence
Allah brings forth descendants from the loins of Adam's children
2. The Question
"Alastu bi-Rabbikum?"
(Am I not your Lord?)
3. The Testimony
"Bala, shahidna"
(Yes, we testify)
4. The Purpose
"Lest you say on Judgment Day we were unaware"
5. Consequence
Innate fitra-based accountability for every soul

Islamic Covenant Theology — the primordial testimony binding every soul before creation

CONCEPT DIAGRAM

The Structure of the Prophetic Bay‘ah

Six conditions of allegiance, based on the hadith of ‘Ubadah ibn al-Samit (Bukhari/Muslim)


Bay‘ah to the Prophet ﷺ
Hadith of ‘Ubadah
Not to associate partners with Allah
Not to steal (sariqah)
Not to commit adultery (zina)
Not to kill your children
Not to slander falsely (buhtan)
Not to disobey in what is right (ma‘ruf)

Islamic Covenant Theology — the Prophetic pledge as paradigm of personal moral covenant

CONCEPT DIAGRAM

Islamic Covenant Theology vs. Christian Reformed Covenant Theology

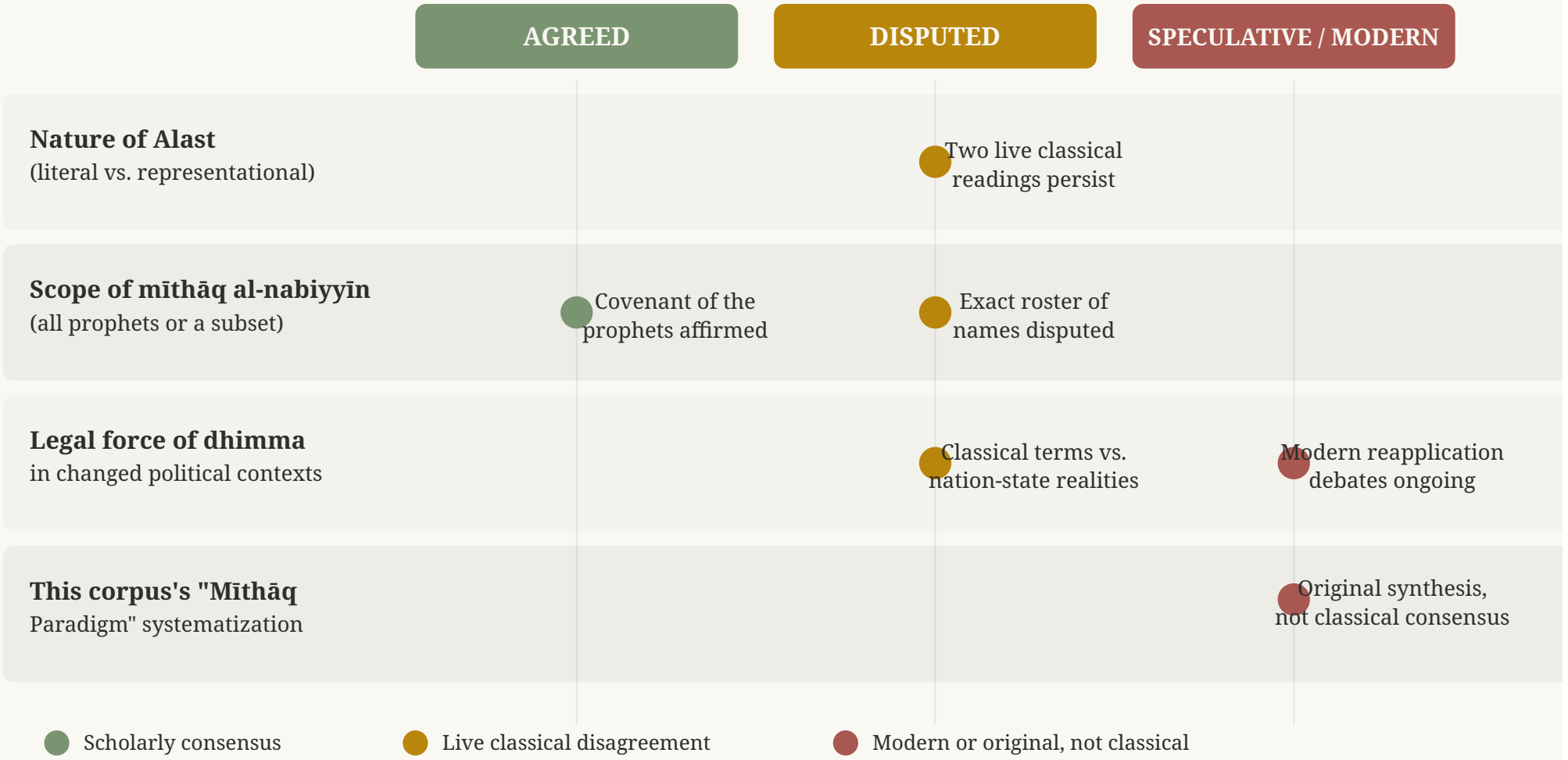
CONTRAST — not synthesis

Islamic Framework (this corpus)	Christian Reformed Covenant Theology
No federal headship (Q17:15, Q6:164 — no soul bears another's burden)	Federal headship of Adam/Christ
Alast: every soul testifies for itself	Original sin inherited
No works/grace/redemption tripartite structure	Covenant of Works / Grace / Redemption
No old/new testament supersession typology	Old Covenant -> New Covenant typology

Appendix comparison for orientation only — Islamic covenant theology is not a variant of Reformed federalism.

Contested Issues Register

What is agreed, disputed, or speculative in covenant theology



A single issue may carry markers in more than one column.

Islamic Covenant Theology — diagrams/svg/contested-issues-matrix.svg

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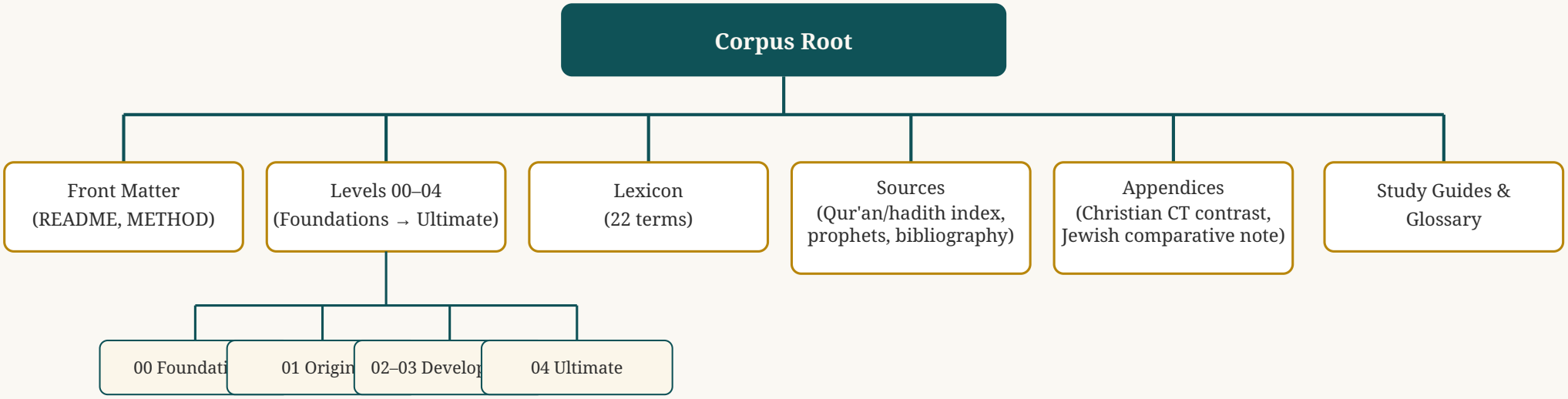
Islamic Covenant Theology — Complete Corpus



How to use this map

This chart functions as a visual table of contents for the corpus. Begin at Front Matter, progress through Levels 00–04, and consult the Lexicon, Sources, and Appendices as cross-reference material. Study Guides & Glossary support independent reading.

Top-down organizational map of the Islamic Covenant Theology corpus.

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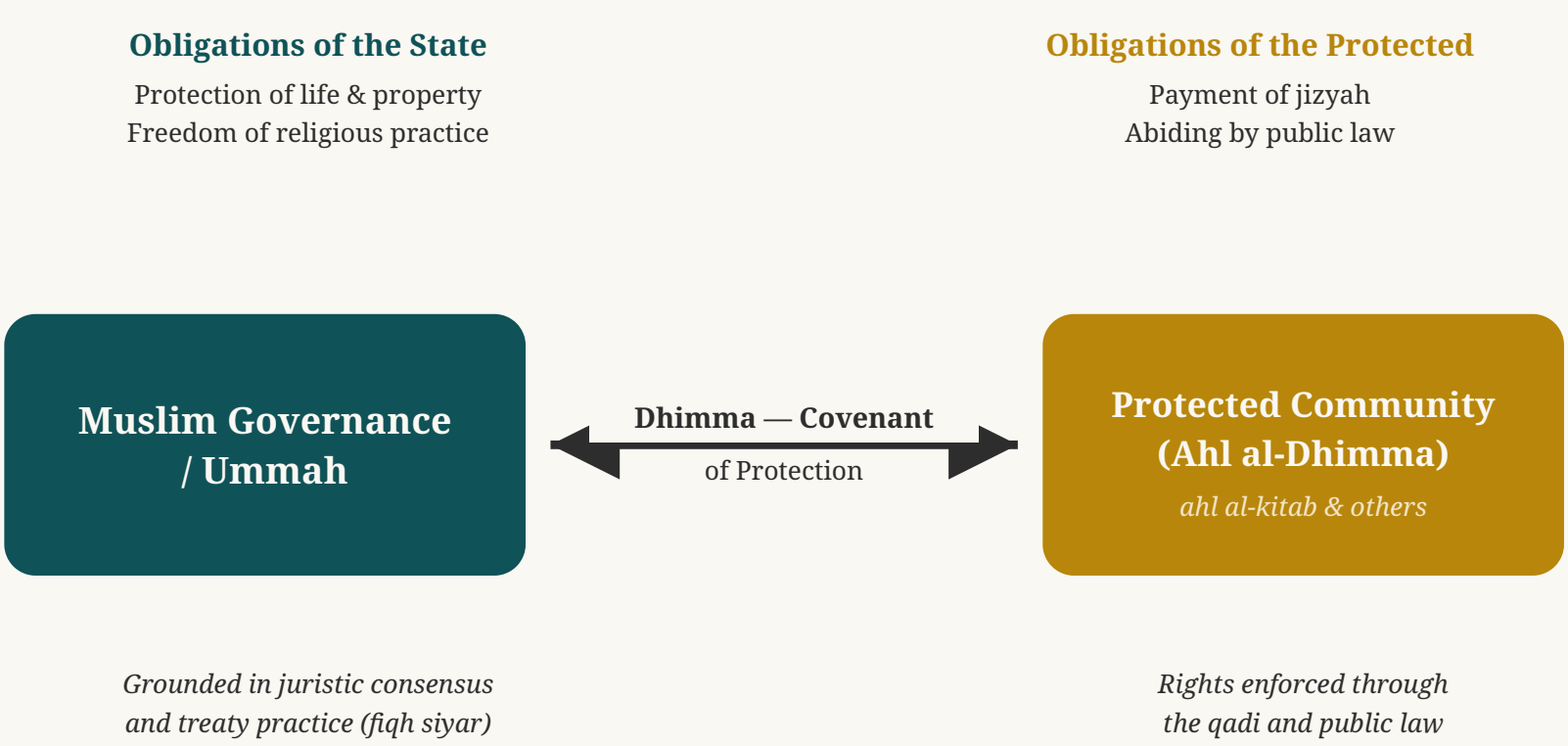
The Dhimma Covenant of Protection

A bilateral fiqh relationship between governance and protected community

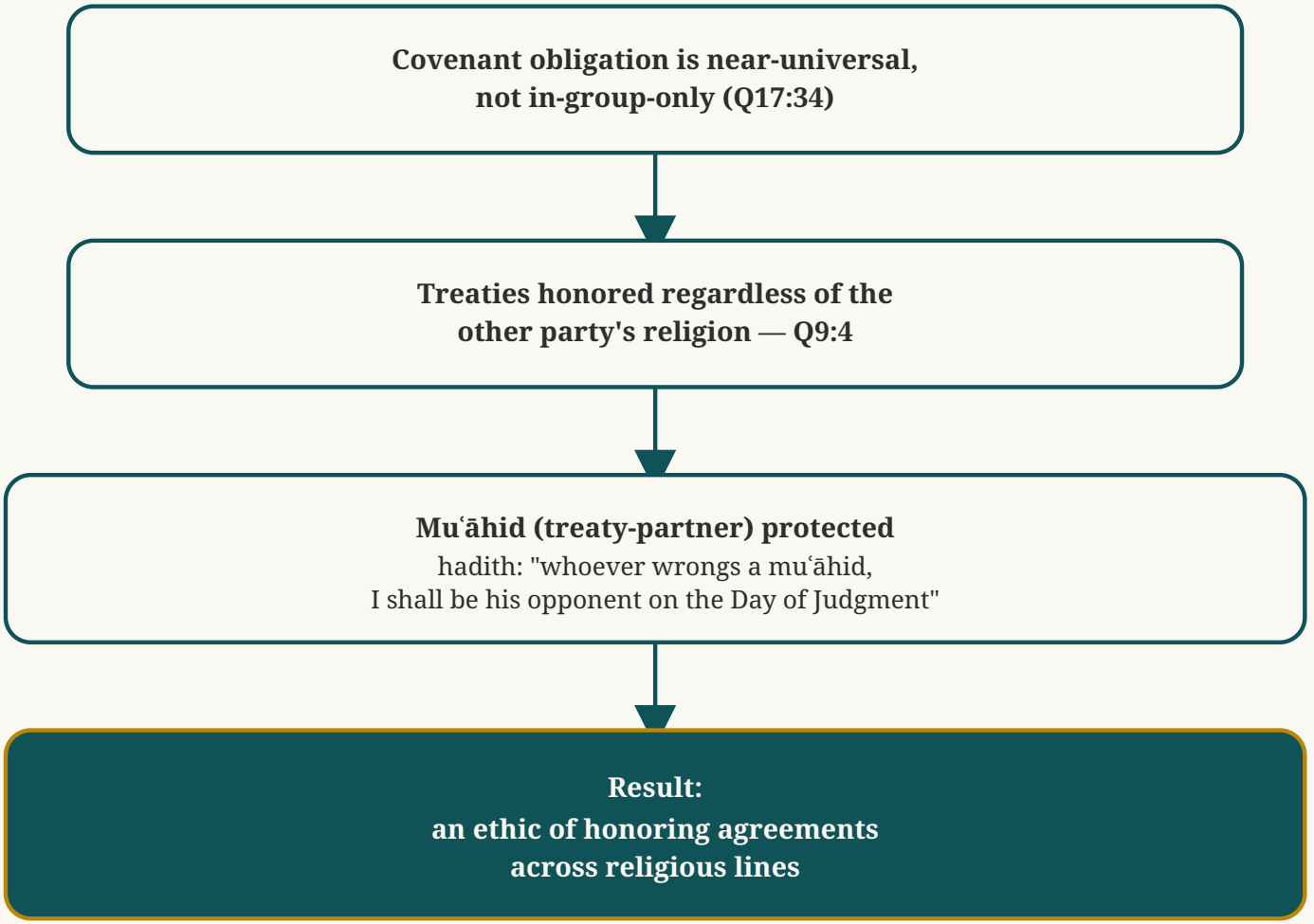

Obligations of the State
Protection of life & property
Freedom of religious practice
Obligations of the Protected
Payment of jizyah
Abiding by public law
Muslim Governance / Ummah
Dhimma — Covenant
of Protection
Protected Community (Ahl al-Dhimma)
ahl al-kitab & others
Grounded in juristic consensus and treaty practice (fiqh siyar)
Rights enforced through the qadi and public law

Historical/fiqh application — Q9:8, Q9:10 theological root; distinct from theological mithaq (primordial covenant).

Islamic Covenant Theology — dhimma as a socio-legal, not merely theological, covenant

CONCEPT DIAGRAM

The Ethics of Coexistence


Covenant obligation is near-universal,
not in-group-only (Q17:34)
Treaties honored regardless of the
other party's religion — Q9:4
Muʿāhid (treaty-partner) protected
hadith: "whoever wrongs a muʿāhid,
I shall be his opponent on the Day of Judgment"
Result:
an ethic of honoring agreements
across religious lines

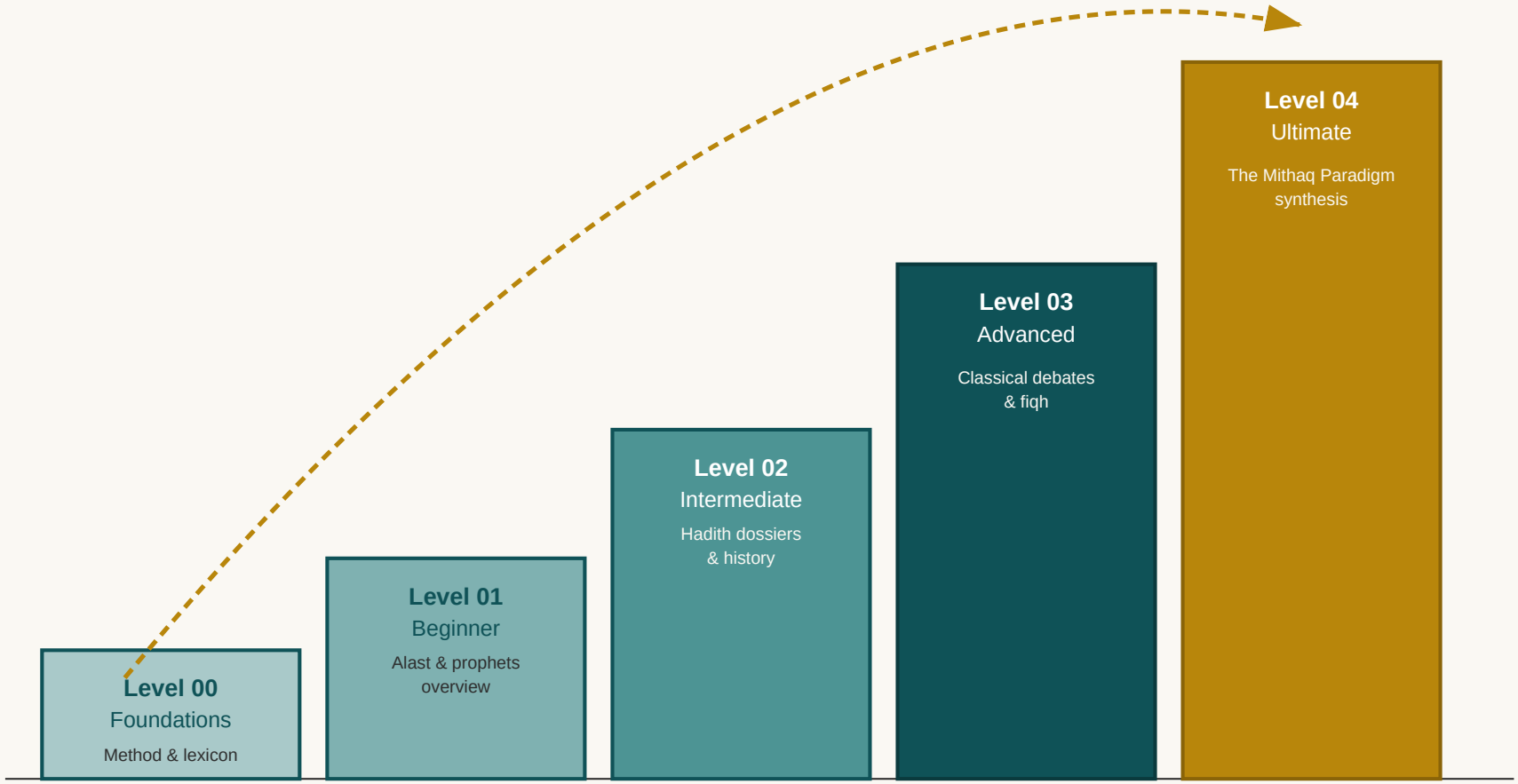
Covenant fidelity in the Islamic tradition extends beyond the boundaries of faith.

CONCEPT DIAGRAM

The Study-Level Roadmap

Five ascending levels of the Covenant Theology corpus

the climb toward synthesis



Islamic Covenant Theology — progressive study path from foundational method to the Mithaq Paradigm

The Four Sunni Madhhabs on Oaths & Contracts

Comparative overview relevant to covenant (mīthāq) material

Ḥanafī	Mālikī	Shāfiʿī	Ḥanbalī
Oath Expiation (kaffārah)			
Flexible; intent (niyyah) weighted	Custom (ʿurf) shapes wording	Literal wording strictly binding	Text + intent both weighed
Contract (ʿaqd) Validity Conditions			
Offer/acceptance; broad ancillary terms	Maṣlaḥah-informed; local custom weighted	Strict formal pillars; precise wording required	Textual conditions given wide latitude
Treaty-Breaking (naqḍ al-ʿahd) View			
Voidable on clear enemy breach	Public interest can override	Binding until formal termination	Emphasis on textual fidelity

Short-form comparison — full juristic detail is treated in the corpus prose.

Islamic Covenant Theology — diagrams/svg/madhhab-comparison.svg

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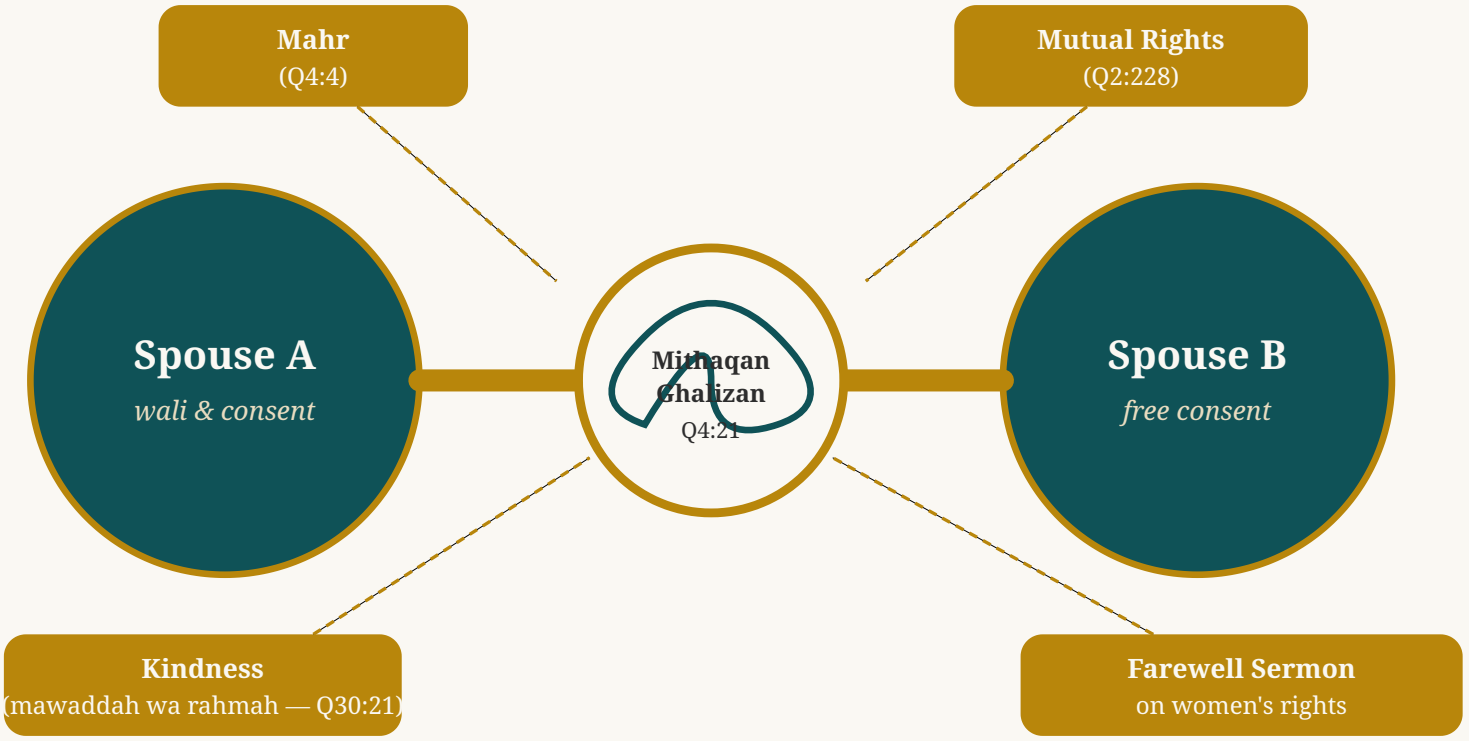
Nikah as Mithaqan Ghalizan

Marriage as "a solemn covenant" — Qur'an 4:21



Islamic Covenant Theology — marriage as a mutual, binding covenant, not a mere contract

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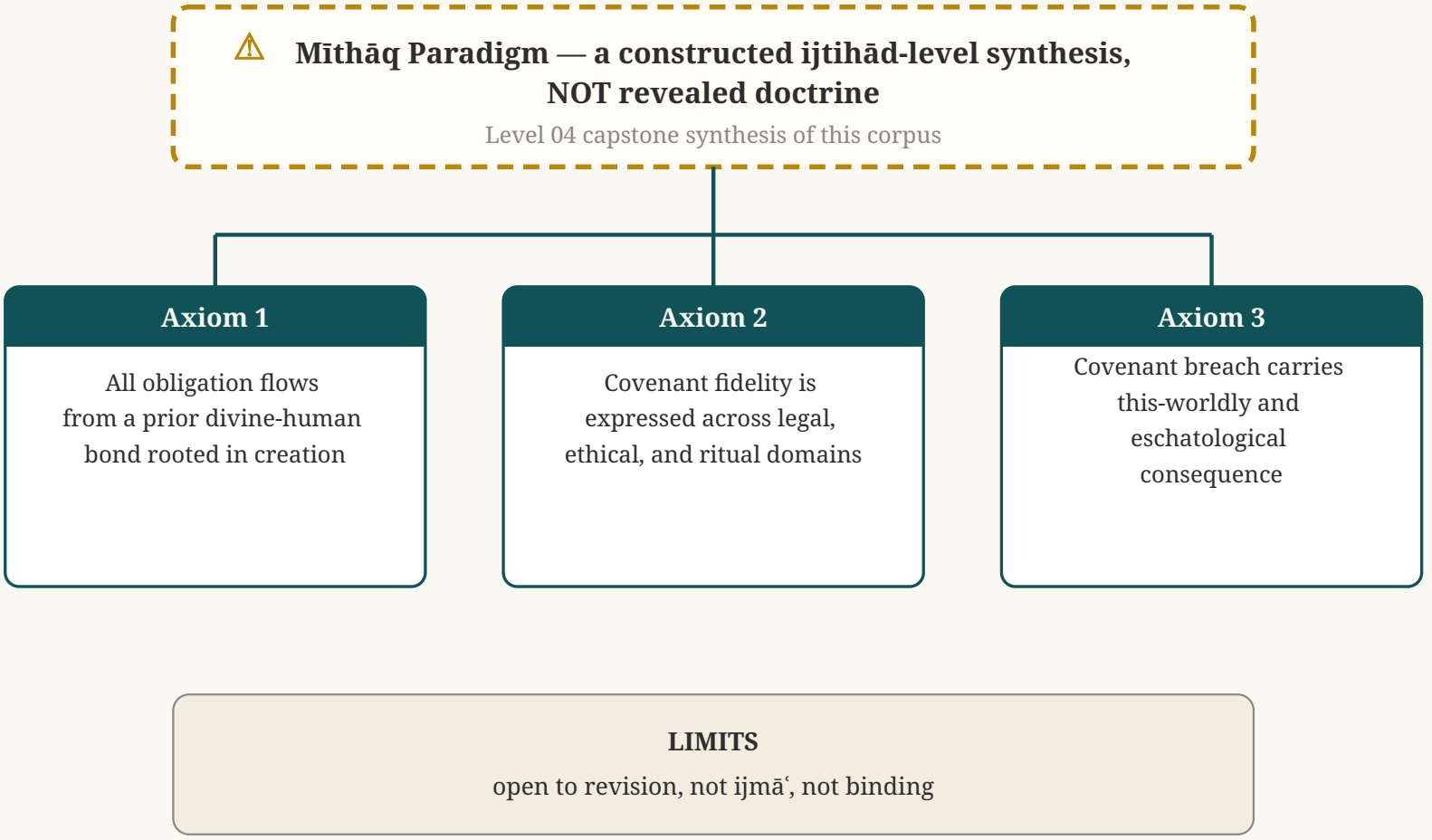
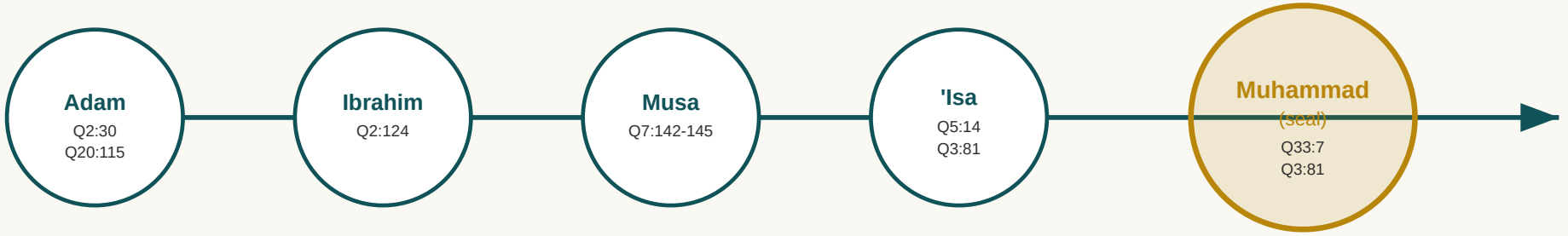
The Mīthāq Paradigm


⚠ Mīthāq Paradigm — a constructed ijtihād-level synthesis, NOT revealed doctrine
Level 04 capstone synthesis of this corpus
Axiom 1
All obligation flows from a prior divine-human bond rooted in creation
Axiom 2
Covenant fidelity is expressed across legal, ethical, and ritual domains
Axiom 3
Covenant breach carries this-worldly and eschatological consequence
LIMITS
open to revision, not ijmāʿ, not binding

Structural map of the Mīthāq Paradigm's grounding axioms and stated limits.

The Prophetic Covenant Chain

Mithaq al-Nabiyyin — Qur'an 3:81



Q3:81's mithaq al-nabiyyin binds every prophet to affirm and support the one who comes after him, a chain of covenants converging on Muhammad ﷺ, **the Seal of the Prophets.**

Islamic Covenant Theology — each prophetic mission renews and extends the covenant of the one before it

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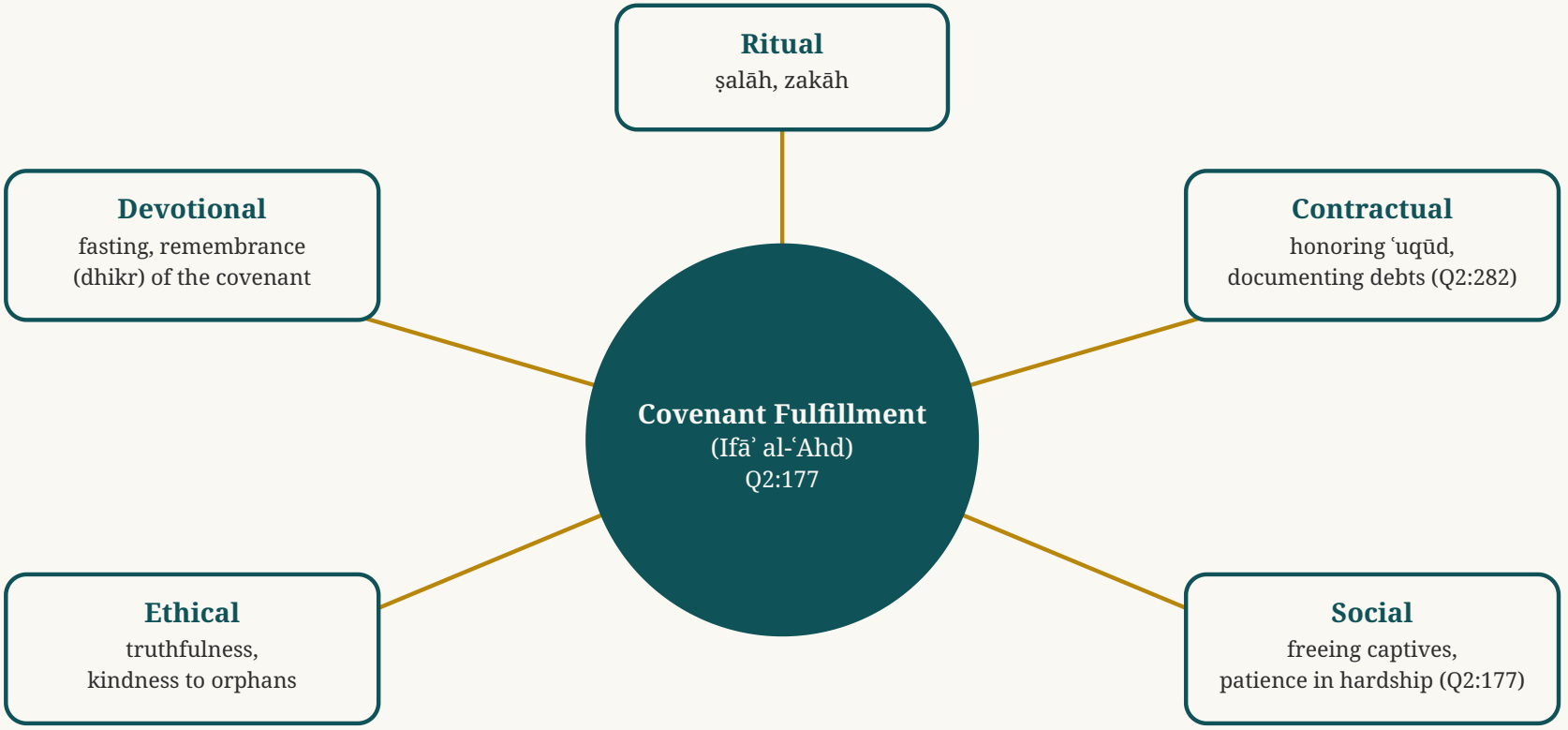
Sharīʿa as Covenant Fulfillment



Sharīʿa commands enact the fulfillment (ifāʾ) side of the divine covenant.

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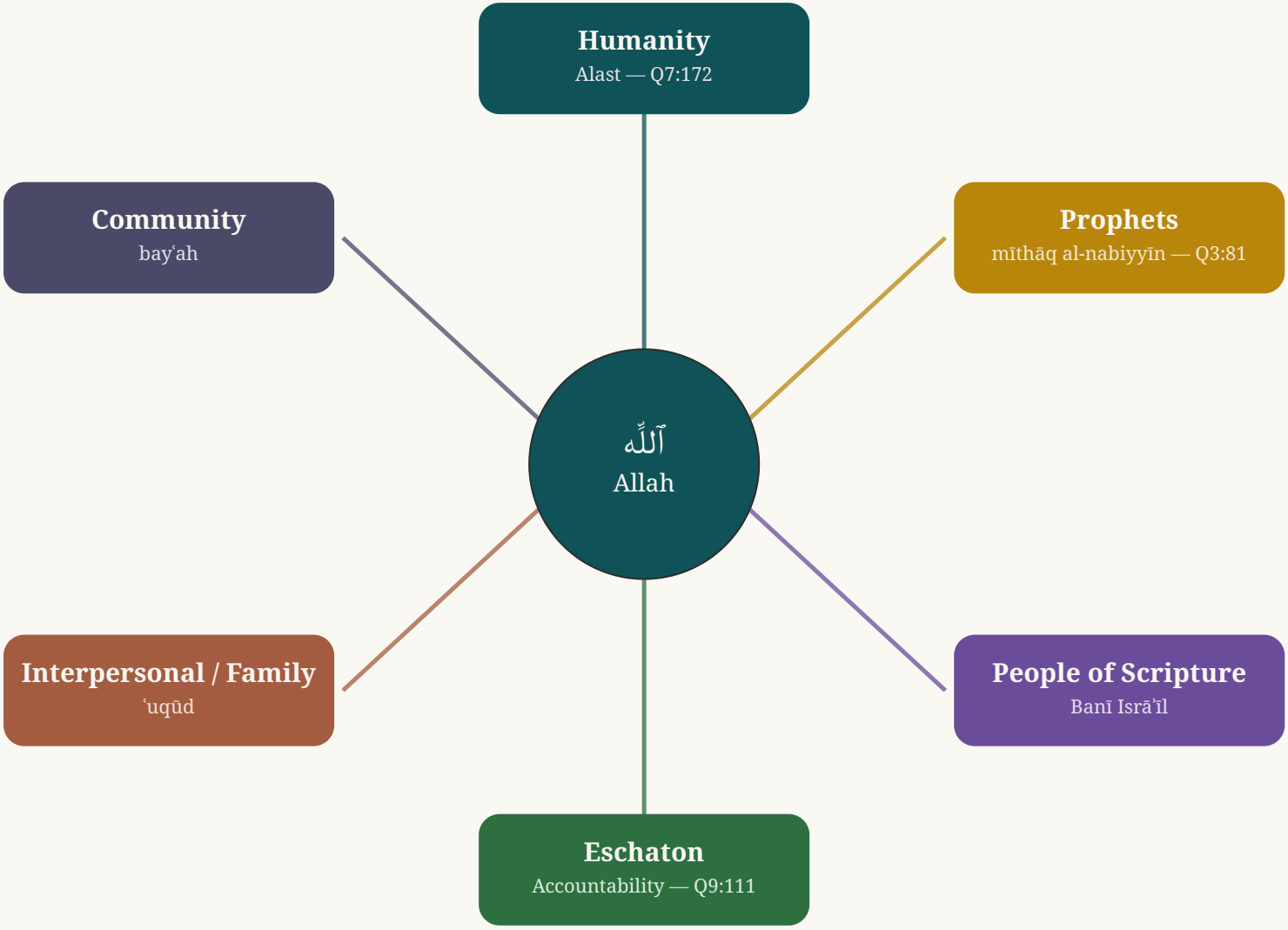
The Six Covenantal Axes

Islamic Covenant Theology — relations of ʿahd radiating from Allah



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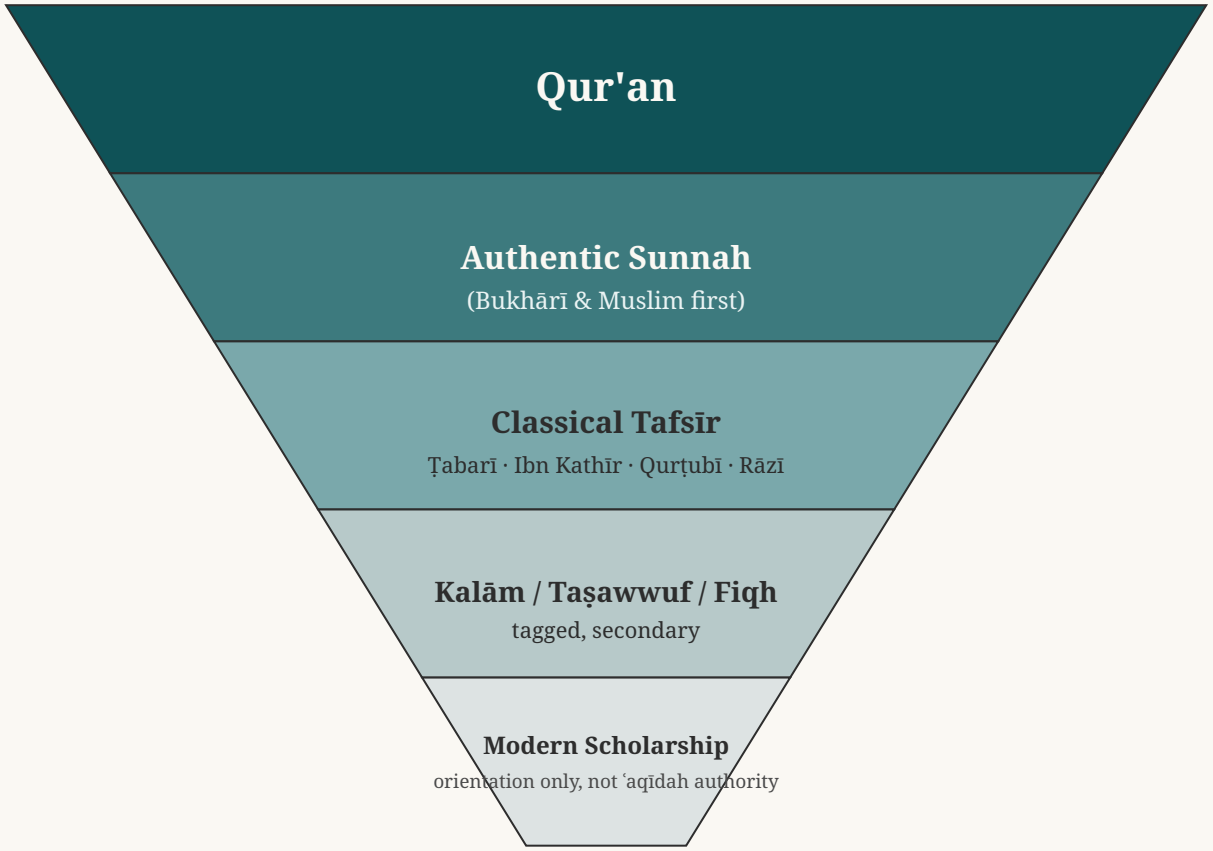
Source Hierarchy

Decreasing binding authority from top (Qur'an) to bottom (modern scholarship)



Thicker, bolder bands denote higher binding authority within the corpus

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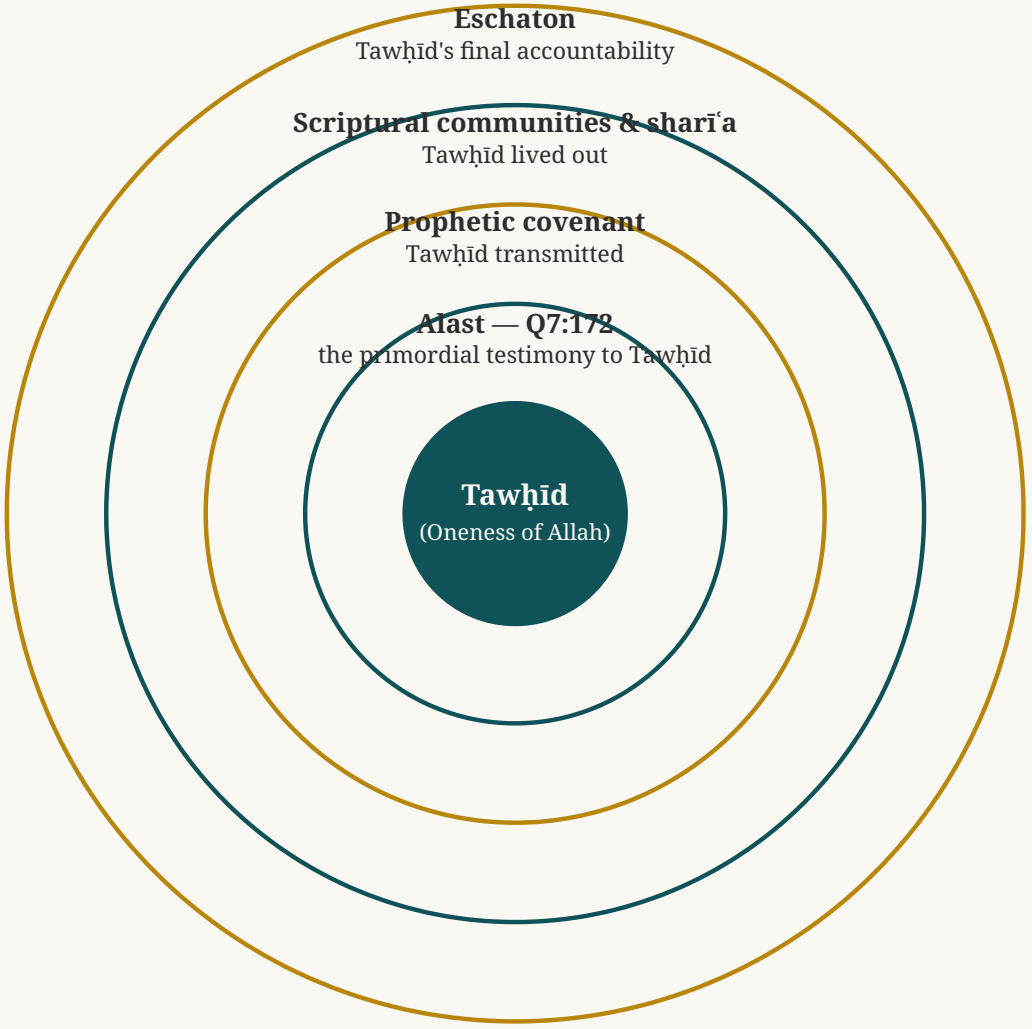
Tawḥīd as the Core of Every Covenant



Every covenantal axis is Tawḥīd worked out at a different scale.

CONCEPT DIAGRAM

The ʿAhd Term-Family

Ten core covenant-vocabulary terms clustered around the master term ʿahd

Conceptual cluster, not a strict taxonomy — proximity to ʿahd reflects semantic closeness

Part II

Qur'an Index — one diagram per cited ayah, in Surah order

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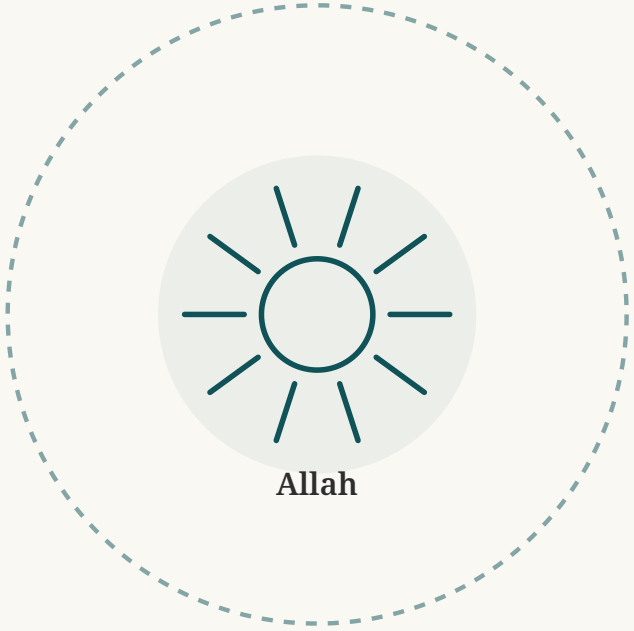
Q1:2

Alast — the primordial…



Praise belongs to Allah, Lord of all the worlds

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Q1:5

You alone we worship, You alone we ask for help

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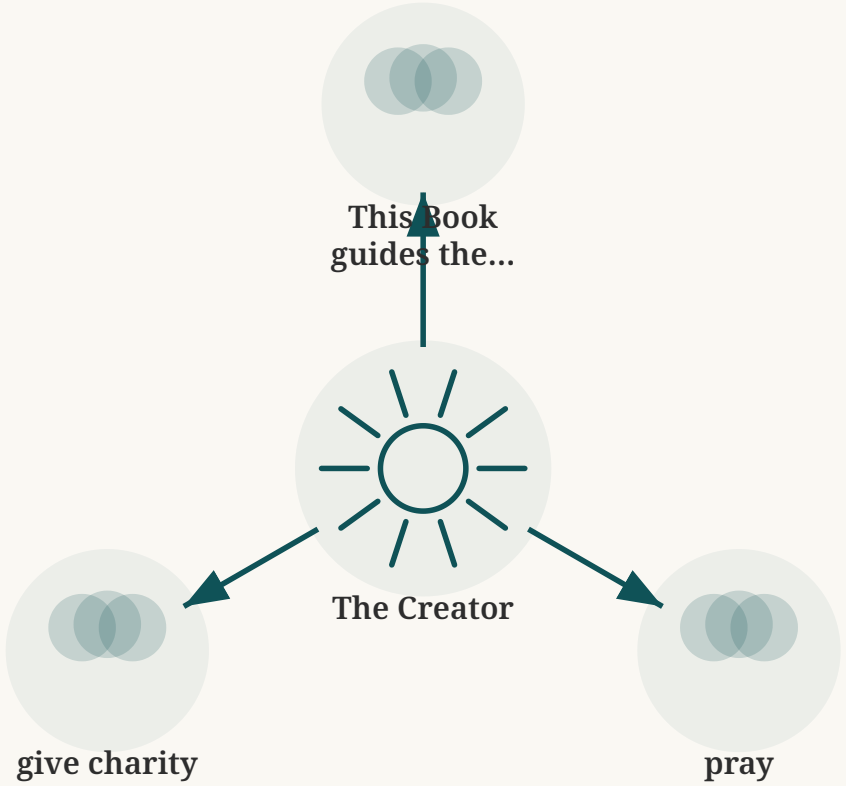
Q2:2-3



This Book guides the God-conscious who believe in the unseen, pray, give charity

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Q2:21

O mankind, worship your Lord who created you, that you may attain taqwa

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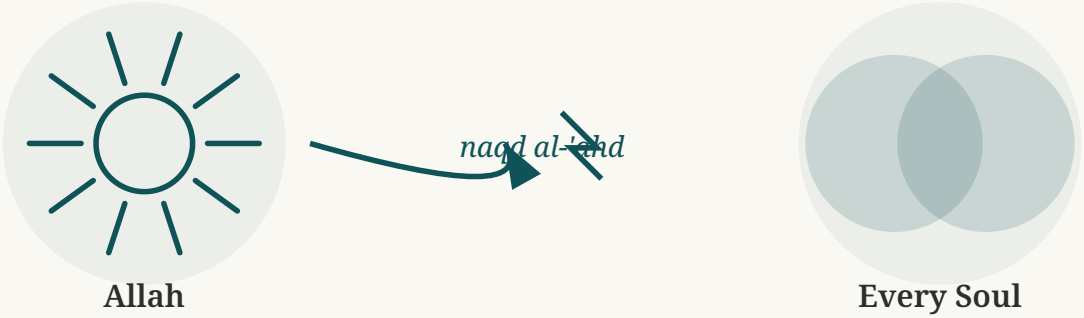
Q2:27



Describes the fāsiqūn who break Allah's covenant after it was confirmed

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Q2:30

Allah tells angels He will place a vicegerent (khalifah) on earth

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Q2:30-34

Creation of Adam, teaching him names, angels' prostration, Iblis's refusal

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Q2:31-33

Allah teaches Adam the names of all things, tests the angels with them

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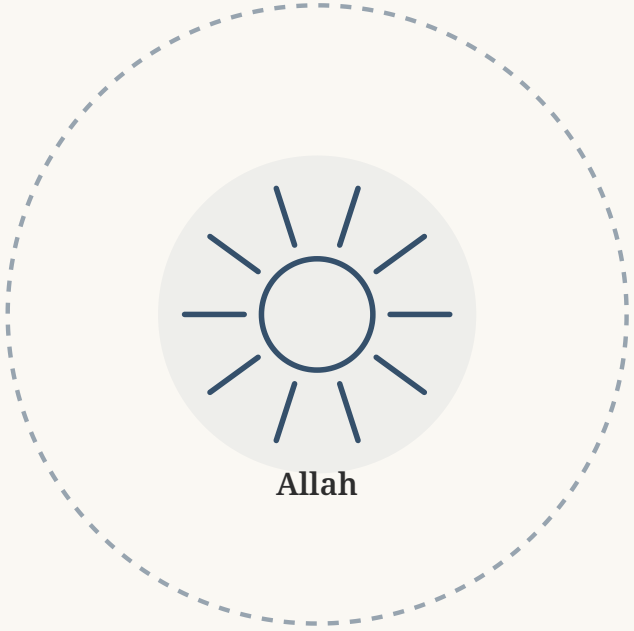
Q2:34

mithaq al-nabiyyin



Allah commands angels to prostrate to Adam; Iblis refuses out of arrogance

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Q2:37

Adam receives words of repentance from his Lord and is forgiven

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Q2:40

Allah calls Banī Isrāʾīl to fulfill His covenant so He fulfills His

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Q2:41

Believe in what confirms your scriptures; do not sell Allah's signs cheaply

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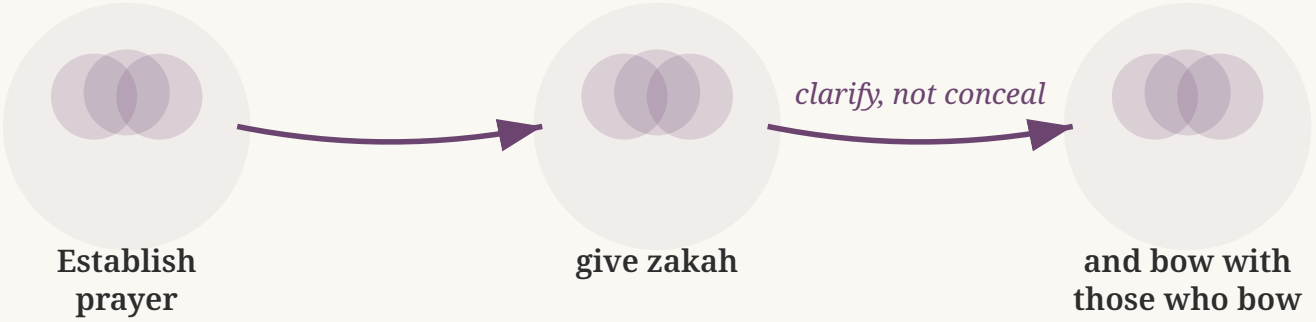
Q2:43



Establish prayer, give zakah, and bow with those who bow

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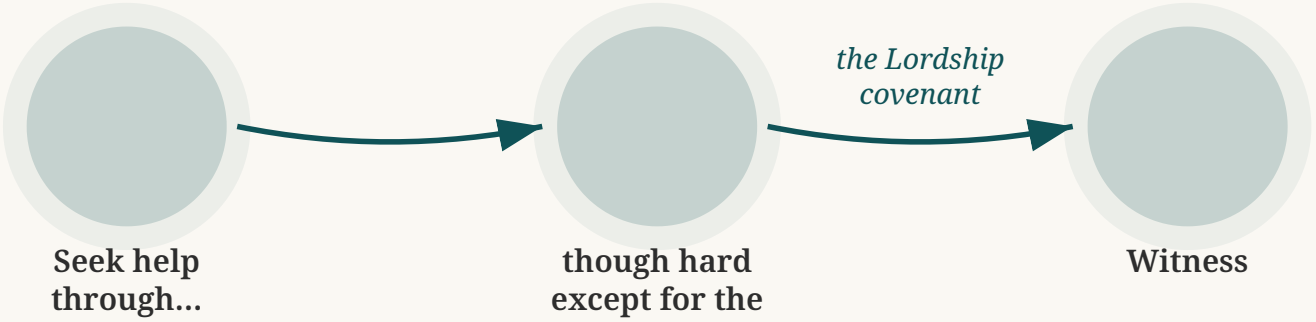
Q2:45



Seek help through patience and prayer, though hard except for the humble

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Q2:51-54

Moses' forty nights, the calf-worship of Bani Isra'il, and their repentance

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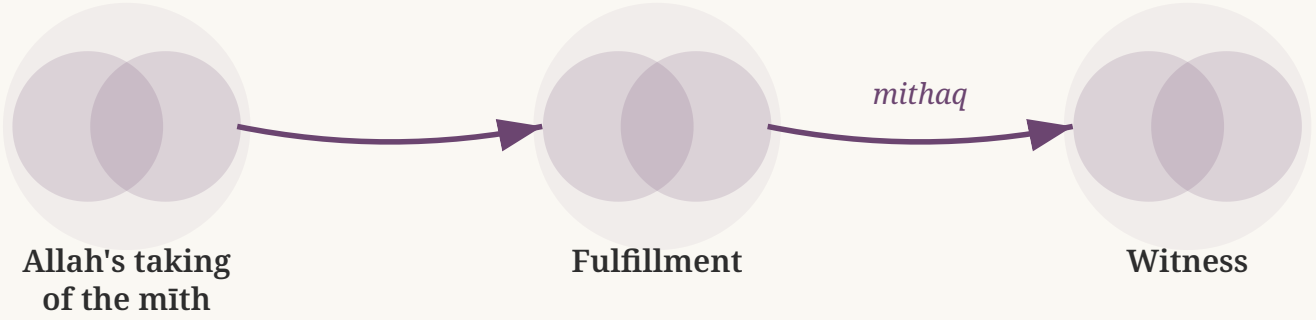
Q2:63



Allah's taking of the mīthāq from Banī Isrāʾīl while raising Mount Ṭūr above them

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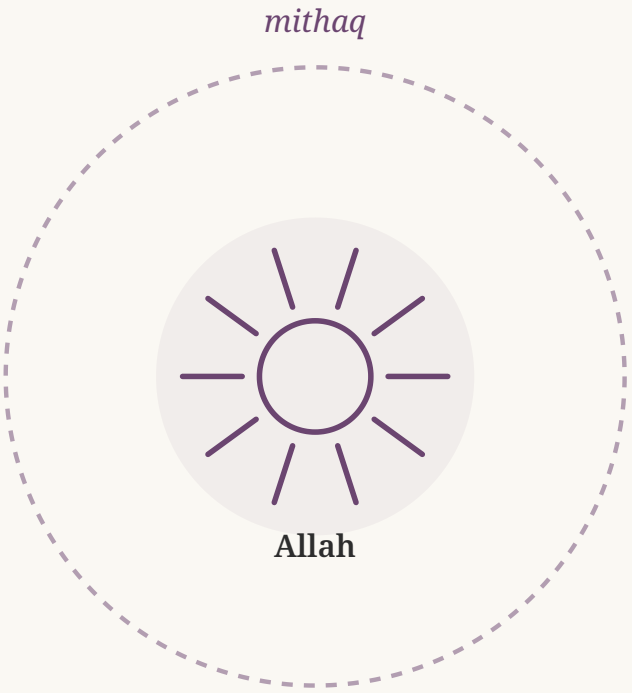
Q2:80



Rebuke of Banī Isrāʾīl's presumption absent a real covenant

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Q2:80-81

Rebuke of Banī Isrāʾīl's presumption absent a real covenant

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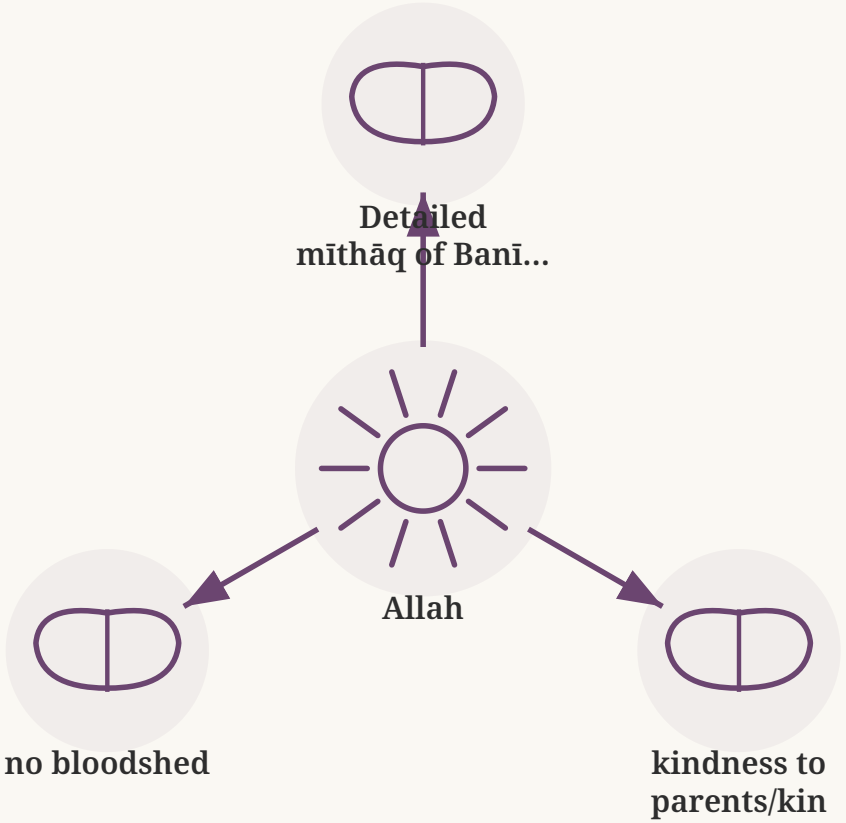
Q2:83-84



Detailed mīthāq of Banī Isrāʾīl: worship none but Allah, kindness to parents/kin, no bloodshed, no expulsion

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Q2:83

Detailed mīthāq of Banī Isrāʾīl: worship none but Allah, kindness to parents/kin, no bloodshed, no expulsion

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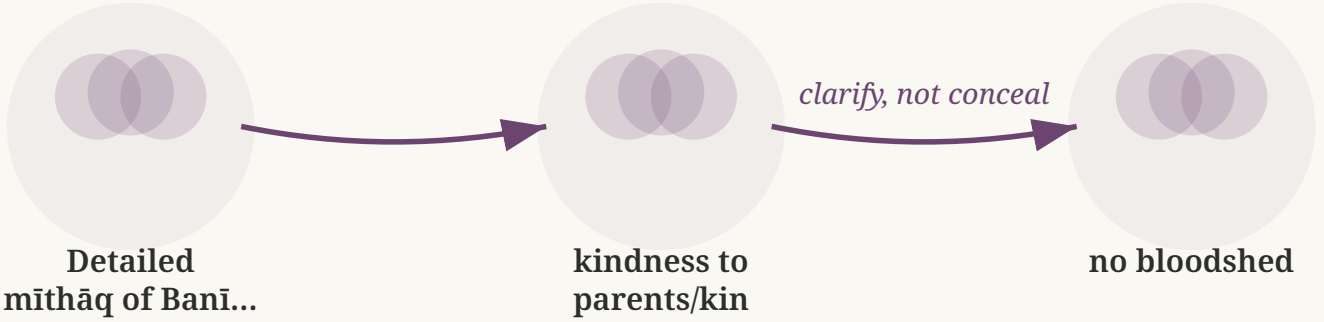
Q2:83-85



Detailed mīthāq of Banī Isrāʾīl: worship none but Allah, kindness to parents/kin, no bloodshed, no expulsion

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Q2:84

Allah took Bani Isra'il's covenant not to shed each other's blood or expel one another

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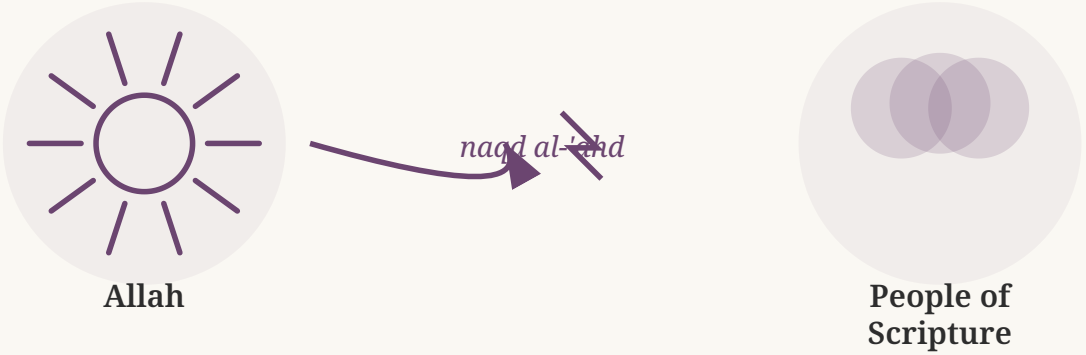
Q2:84-85



Covenant with Bani Isra'il not to shed blood or expel one another, then breaking it

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Q2:85

Israelites kill and expel each other yet ransom captives, condemned for selective obedience

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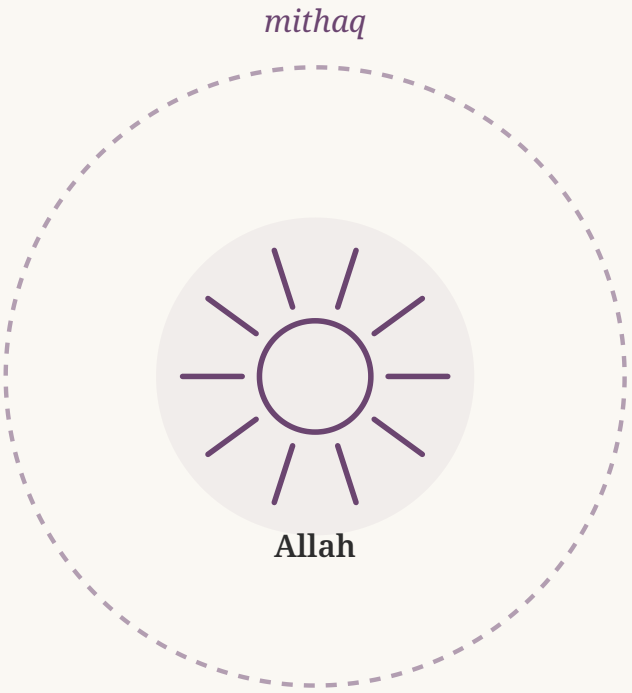
Q2:93



Repetition of the mīthāq at Sinai with "take what We have given you with strength"

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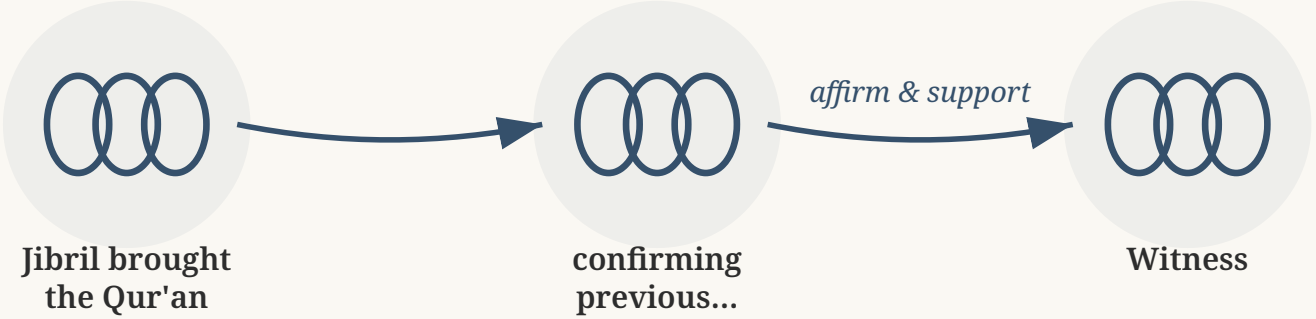
Q2:97



Jibril brought the Qur'an by Allah's permission, confirming previous scriptures

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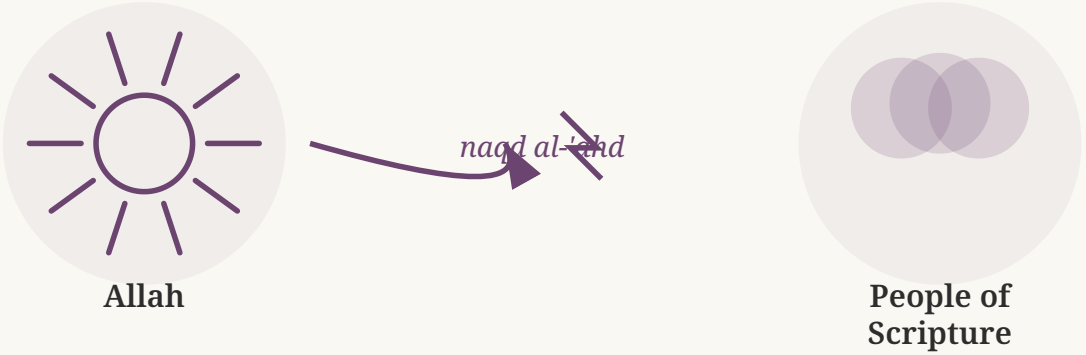
Q2:100



"Is it not that every time they made a covenant, a party of them cast it aside?" — Banī Isrāʾīl's covenant-breaking pattern

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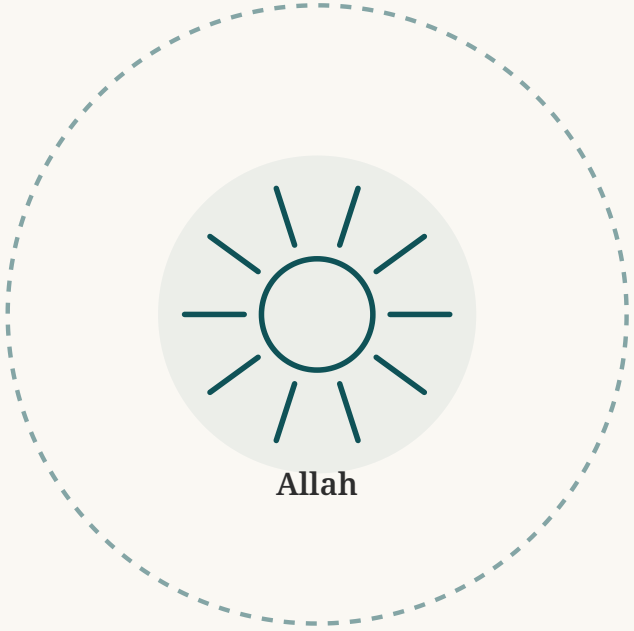
Q2:110

Alast — the primordial…



Establish prayer and give zakah; good sent ahead will be found with Allah

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Q2:124

Ibrahim's covenant of imamate; "My covenant does not reach the wrongdoers"

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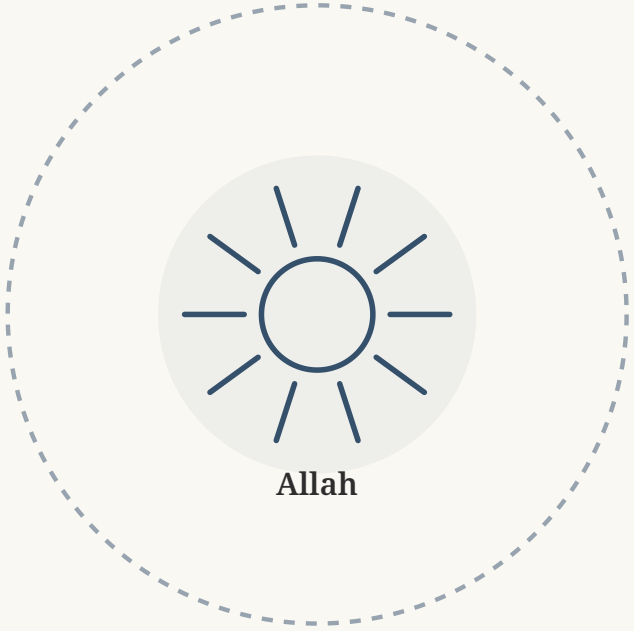
Q2:125-129

mithaq al-nabiyyin



Ibrahim and Isma'il raise the Ka'bah's foundations, praying for a believing, guided community

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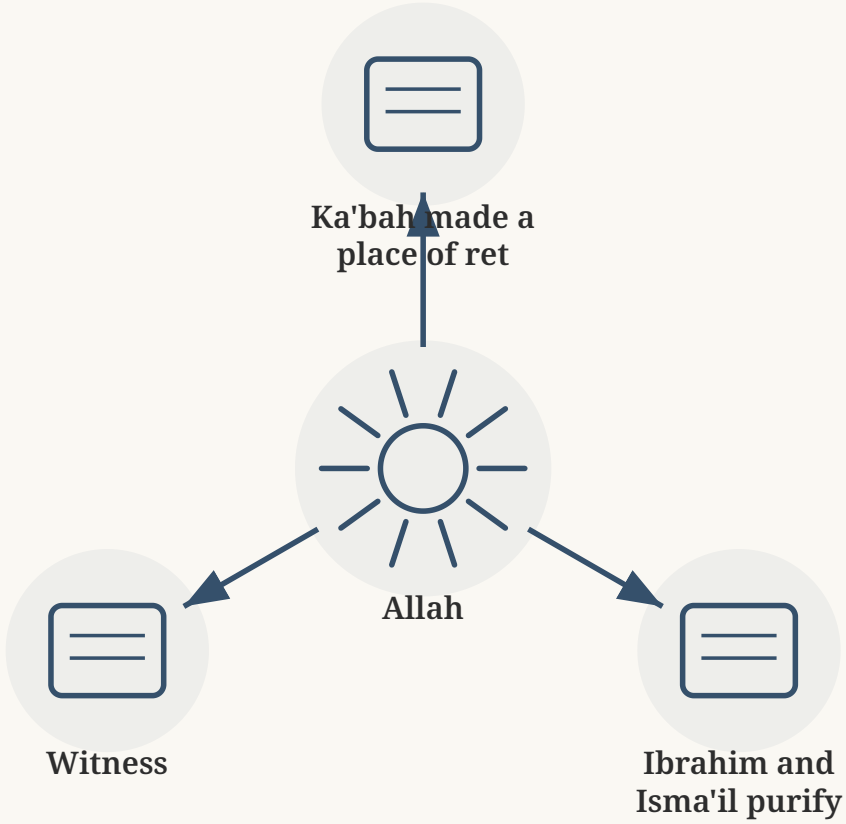
Q2:125-127



Ka'bah made a place of return and safety; Ibrahim and Isma'il purify it and pray

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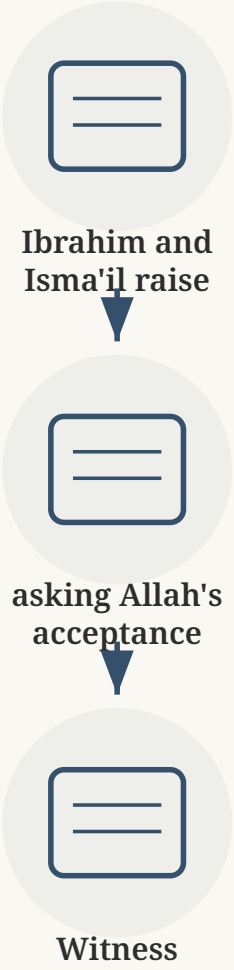

Ibrahim and Isma'il raise the foundations of the House, asking Allah's acceptance

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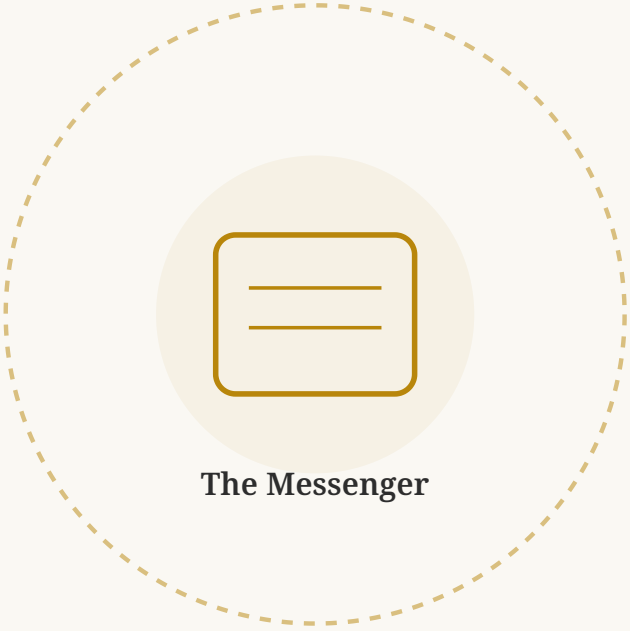

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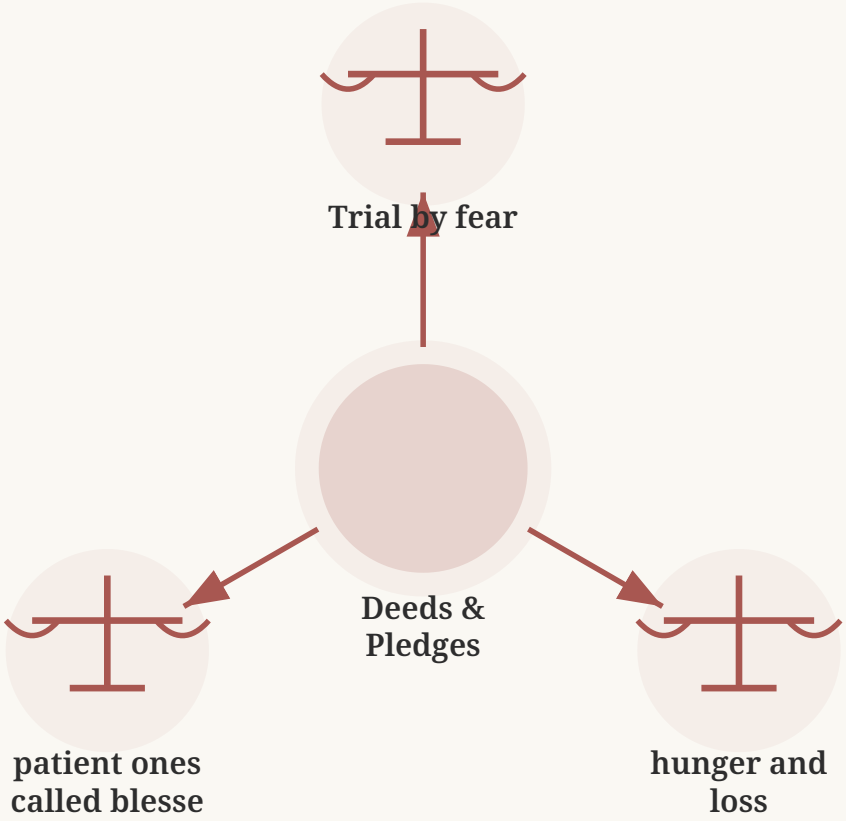

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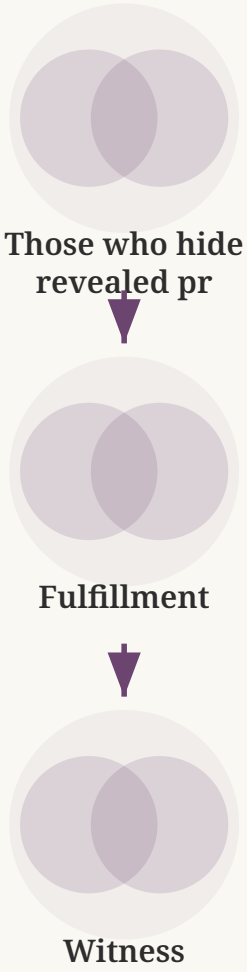

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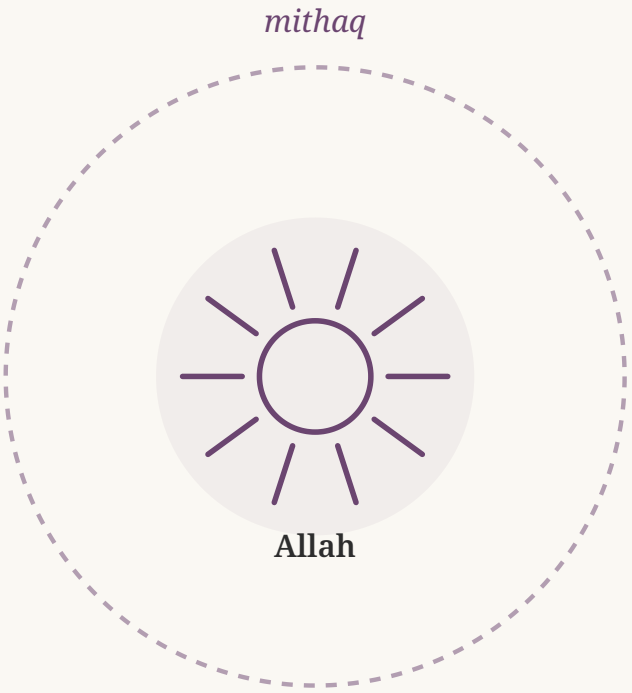

Exception for those who repent, reform, and make clear what they concealed

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Righteousness includes fulfilling one's covenant/promise when made

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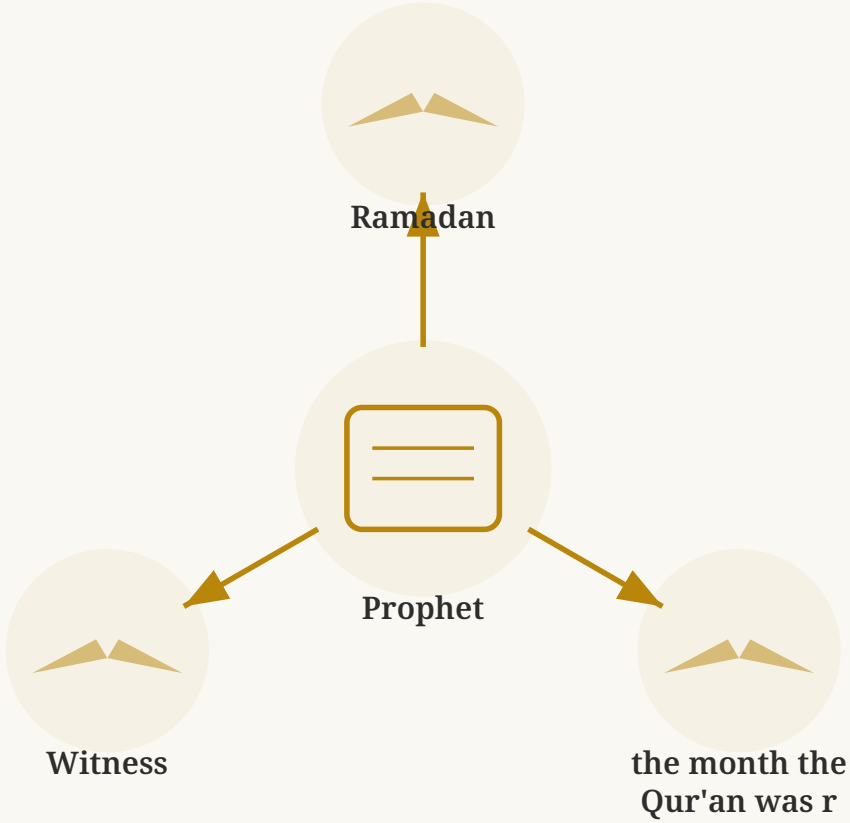

Ramadan, the month the Qur'an was revealed as guidance for mankind

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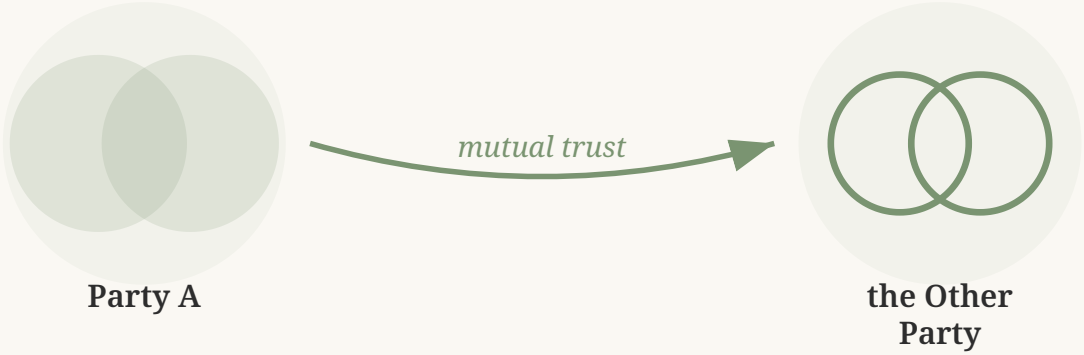

Permission of relations with wives during fasting nights; description of spouses as garments

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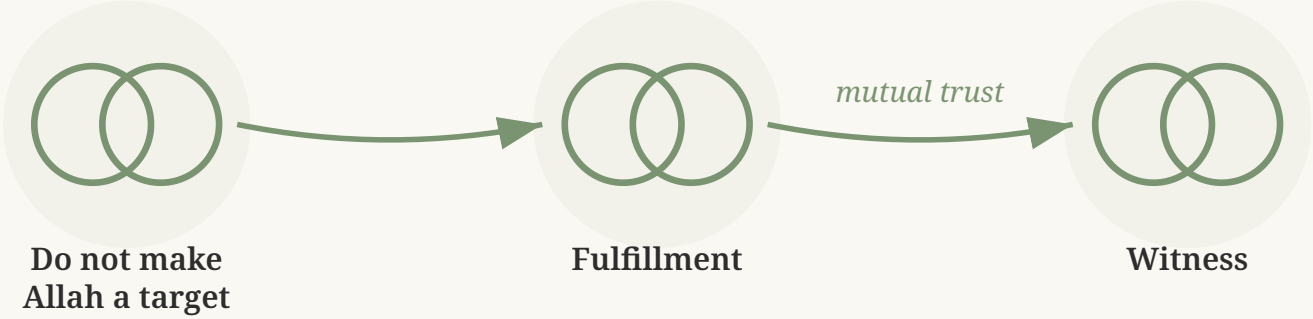

Do not make Allah a target/excuse in your oaths to avoid righteousness

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Rulings on ila' (oath of abstention) from wives, waiting period and divorce

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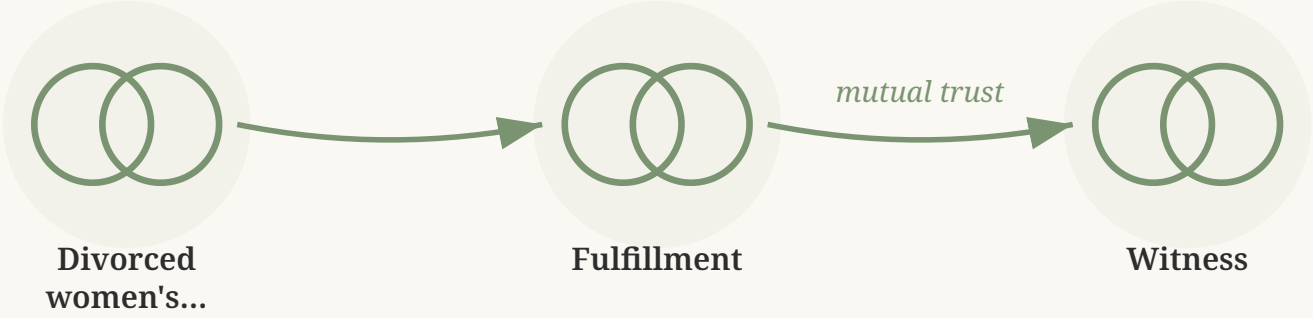

Divorced women's waiting period (iddah) and mutual rights of spouses

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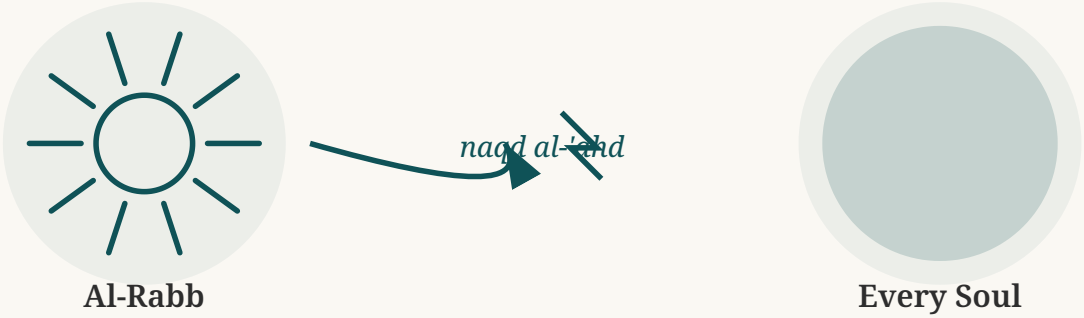

"Whoever disbelieves in false gods and believes in Allah has grasped the firmest handhold, which does not break" — following directly on "there is no compulsion in religion"

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Condemnation of riba, contrast with lawful trade, warning of war from Allah for riba

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Those who believe, do good, pray and give zakah have their reward with their Lord

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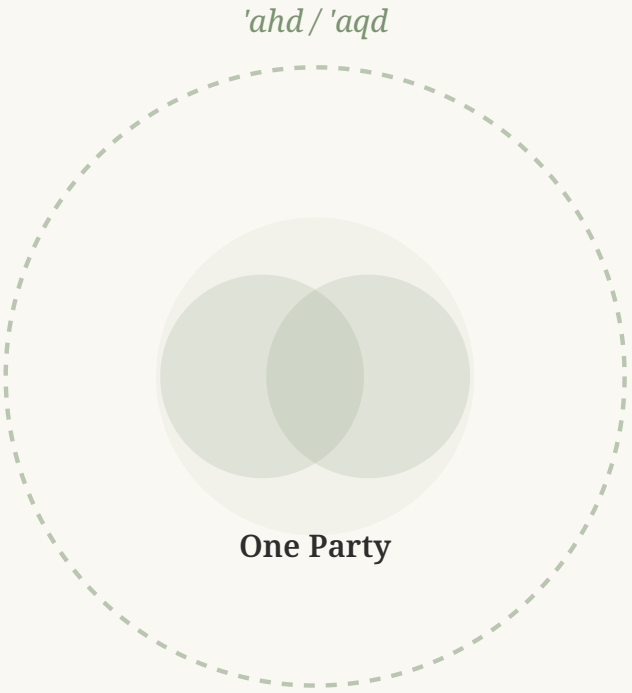

Believers commanded to give up remaining usury (riba)

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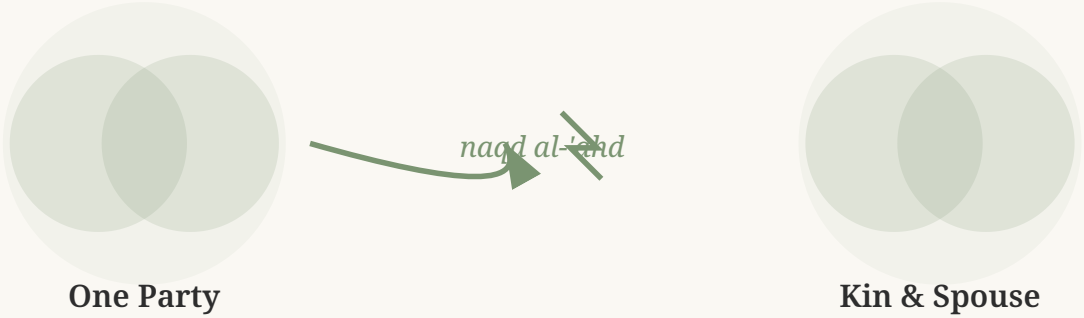

Abandon riba or face war from Allah and His Messenger

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Warning of war from Allah if riba not abandoned; take principal only

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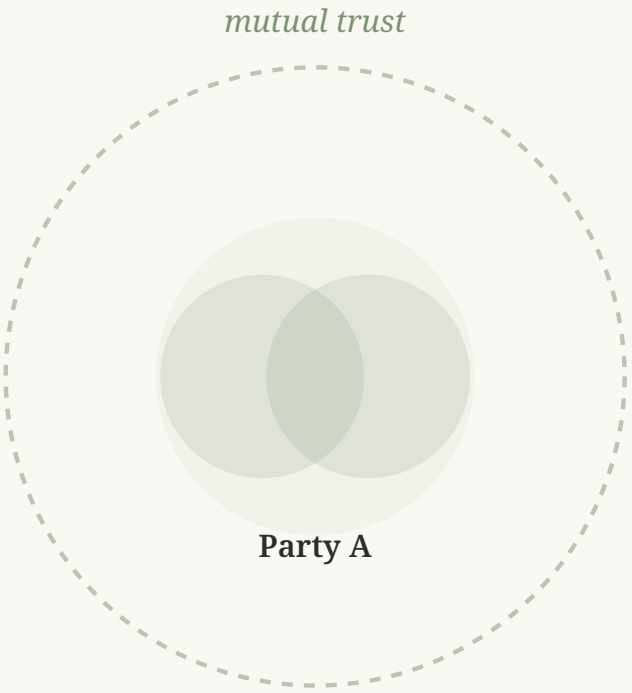

Detailed rules for recording debts, witnesses, and pledges in transactions

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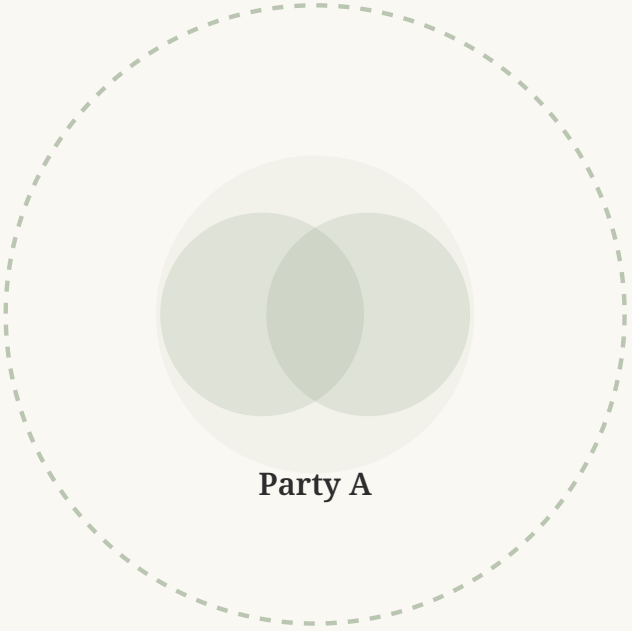
mithaqan ghalizan



Command to write down debts and contracts with witnesses

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On journey without a scribe, take pledges; fulfill trusts, fear Allah

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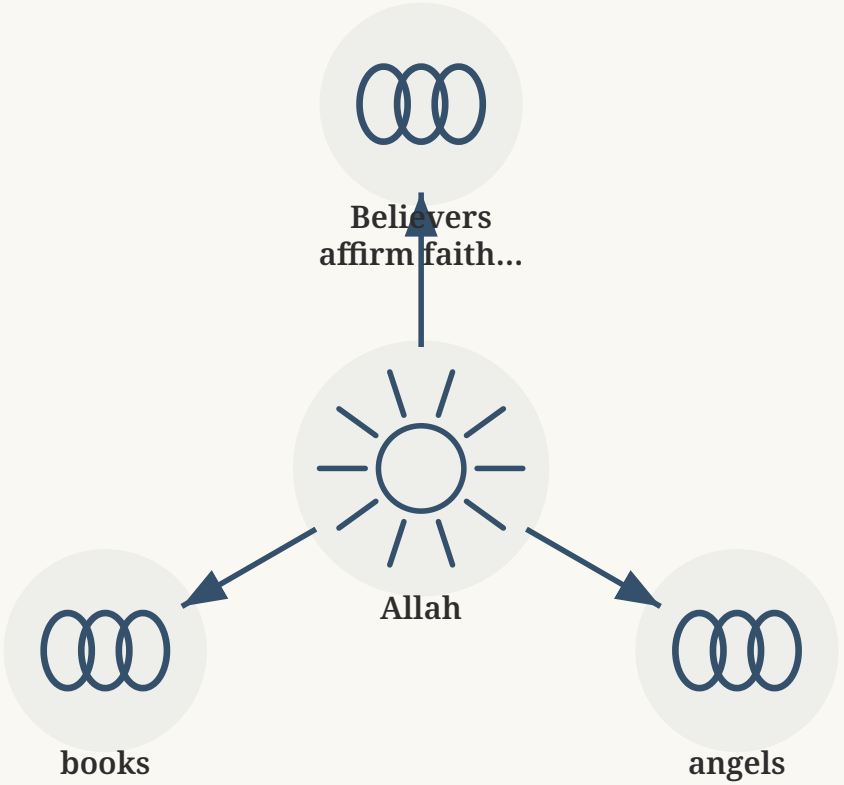

Believers affirm faith in Allah, angels, books, messengers; 'we hear and obey'

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Closing supplication of al-Baqarah: "do not lay upon us a heavy burden/covenant-obligation as You laid upon those before us" — read by many exegetes as referencing the weighty legal…

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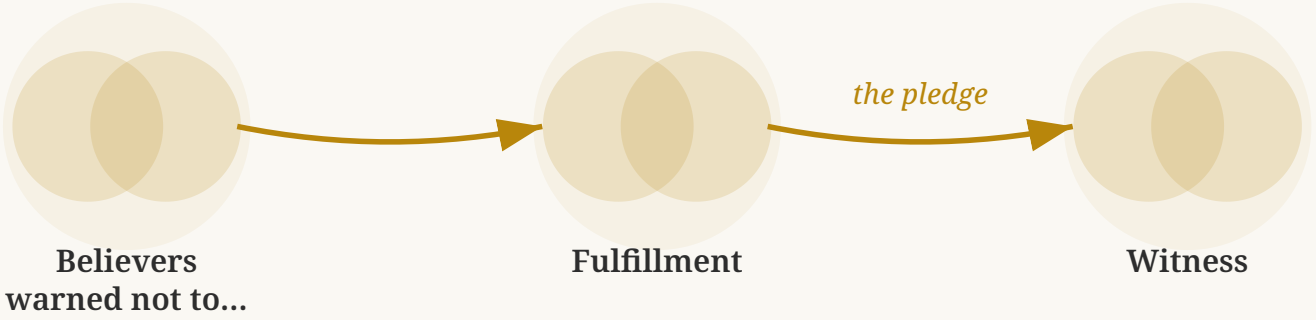

Believers warned not to take disbelievers as allies over believers

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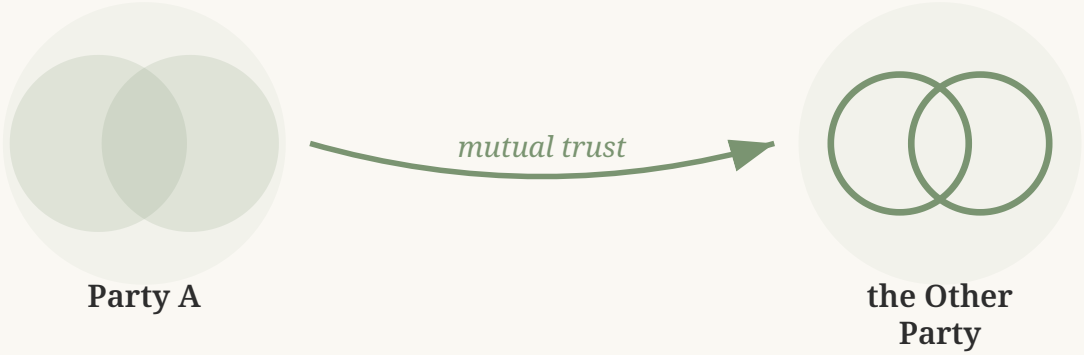

"Whoever fulfills his covenant and fears Allah — indeed Allah loves the muttaqīn"

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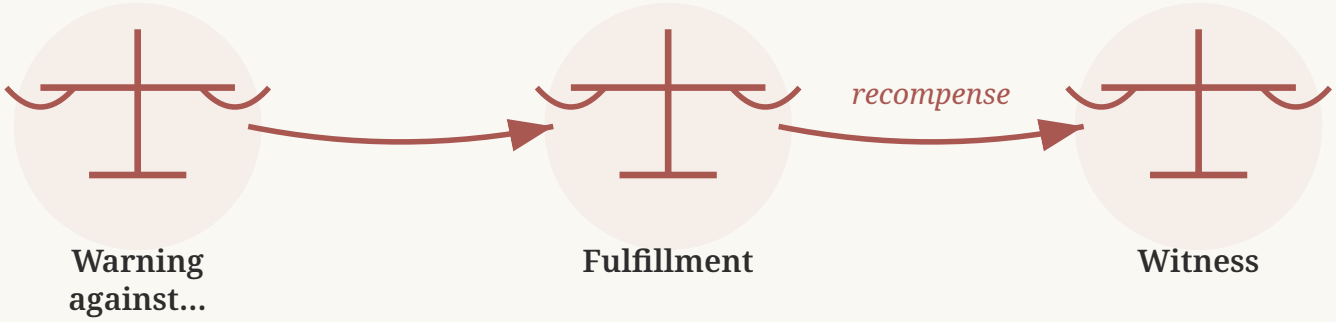

Warning against selling Allah's covenant and one's oaths for a small price

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The mīthāq taken from all the prophets to believe in and support the final Messenger when he comes

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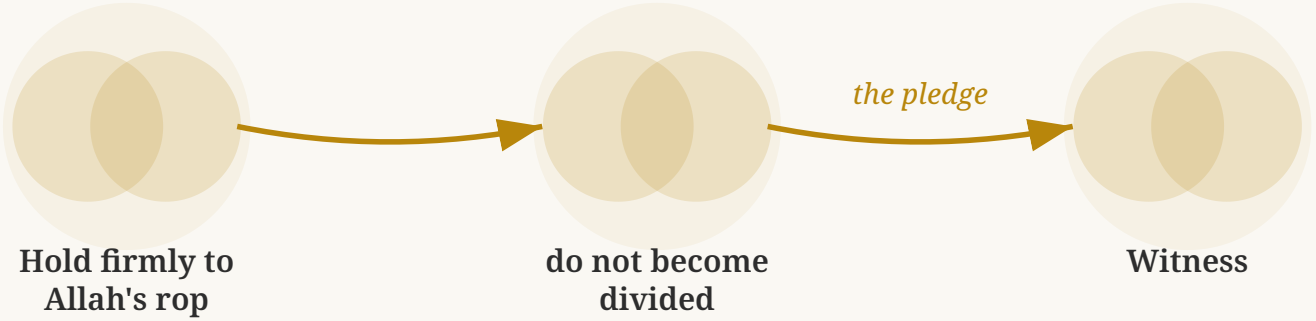

Hold firmly to Allah's rope together, do not become divided

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Let there be a community calling to good and forbidding wrong

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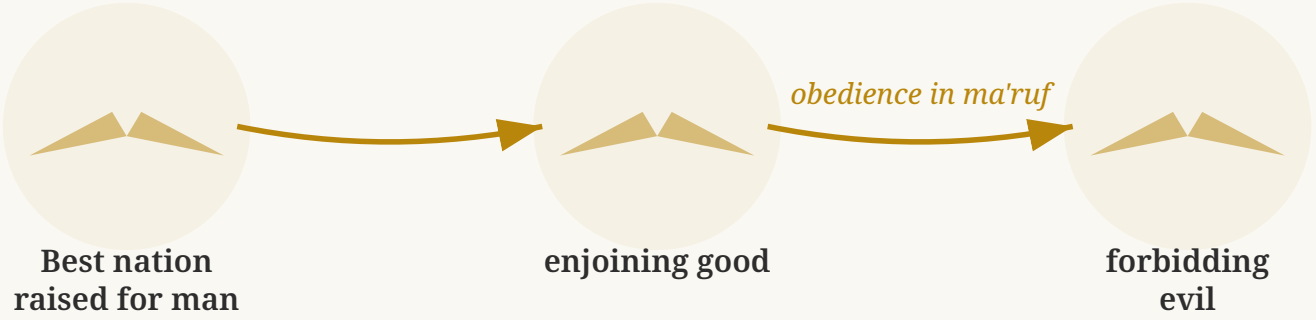

Best nation raised for mankind, enjoining good, forbidding evil, believing in Allah

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Some People of the Book are upright, believe and do good, will be rewarded

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Prohibition of consuming usury multiplied many times over

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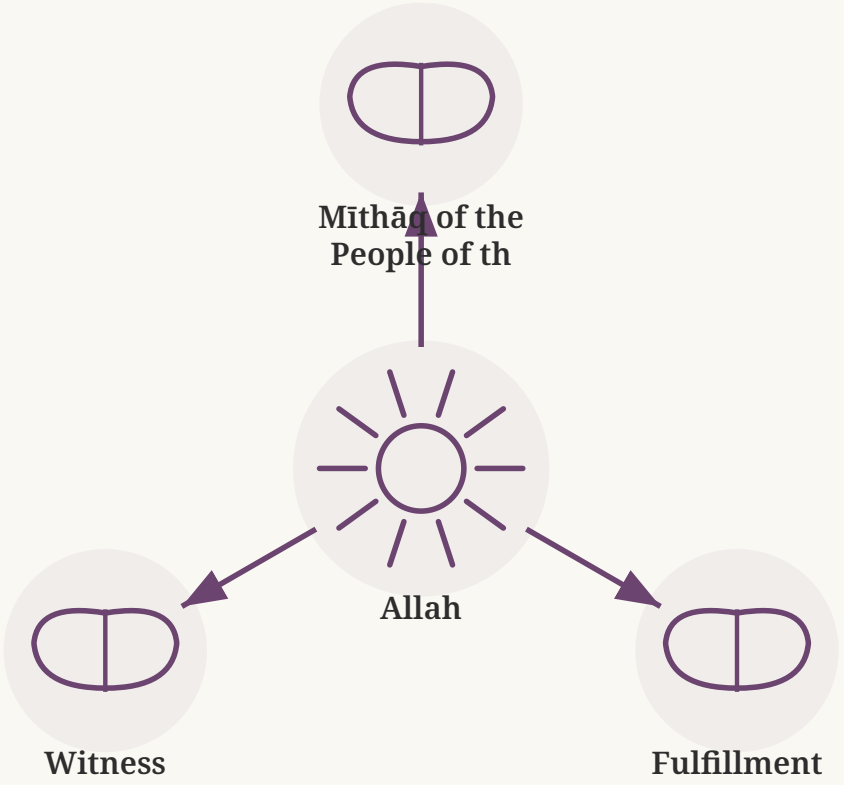

Mīthāq of the People of the Book to make clear (not conceal) the scripture

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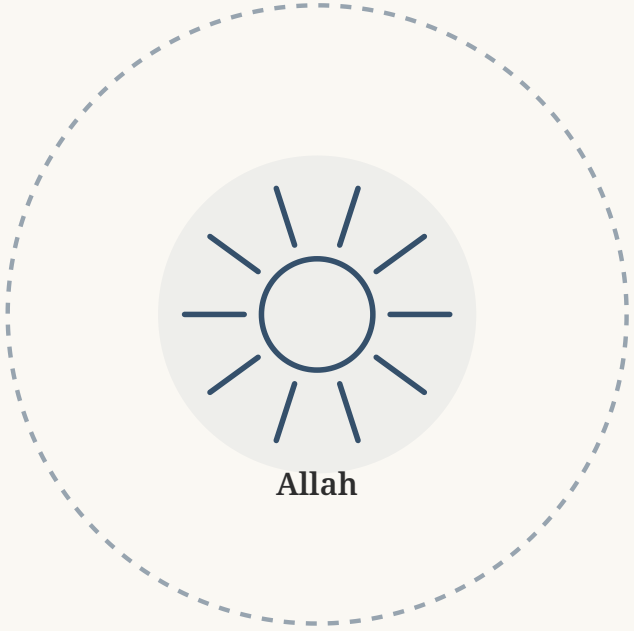
mithaq al-nabiyyin



Believers ask Allah to grant what He promised through His messengers

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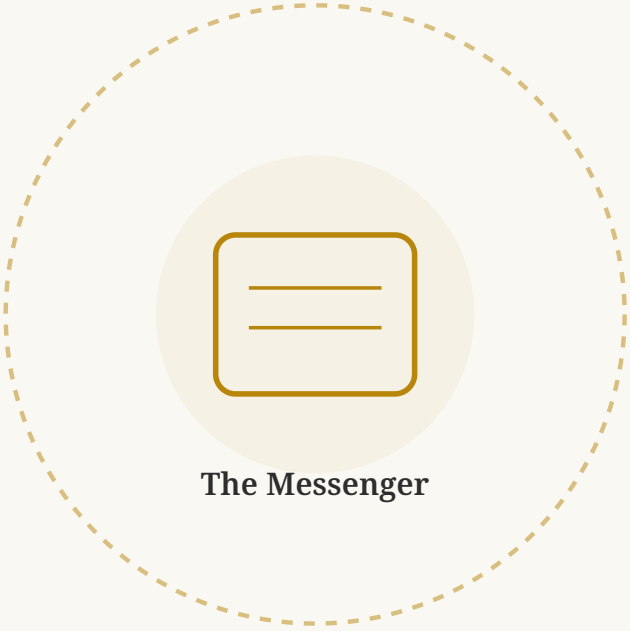

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Believers told to be patient, steadfast, and fear Allah for success

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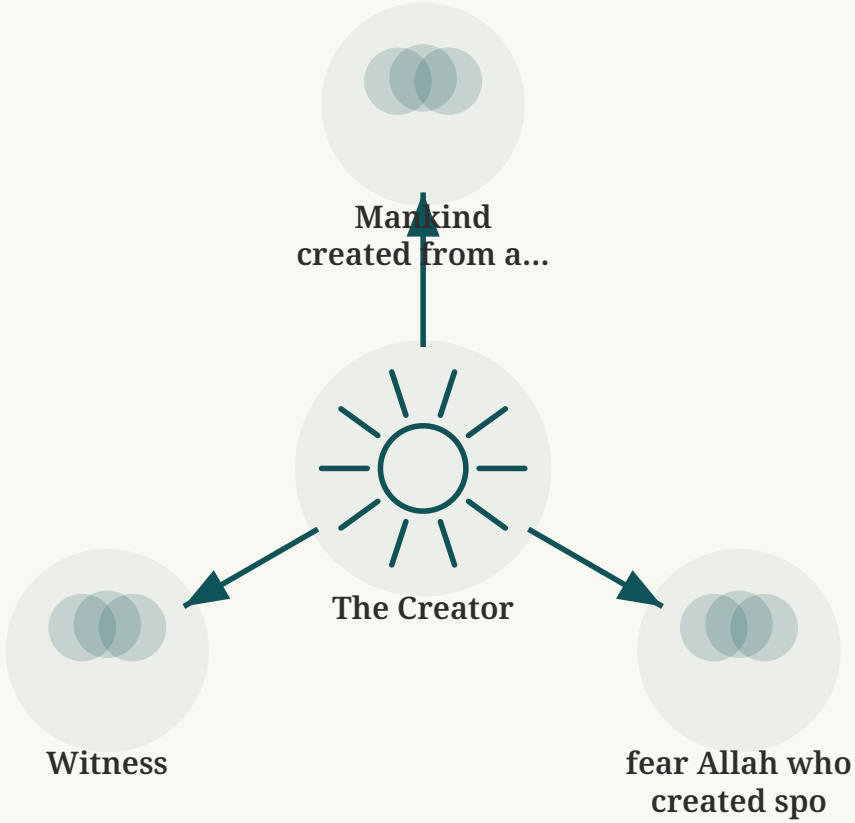

Mankind created from a single soul; fear Allah who created spouses and kin

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Command to give women their bridal gifts (dowries) willingly

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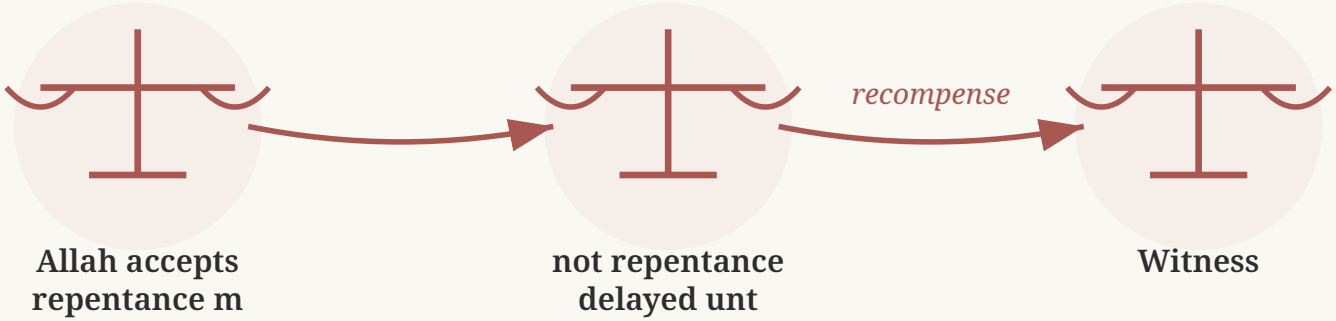

Allah accepts repentance made promptly, not repentance delayed until death

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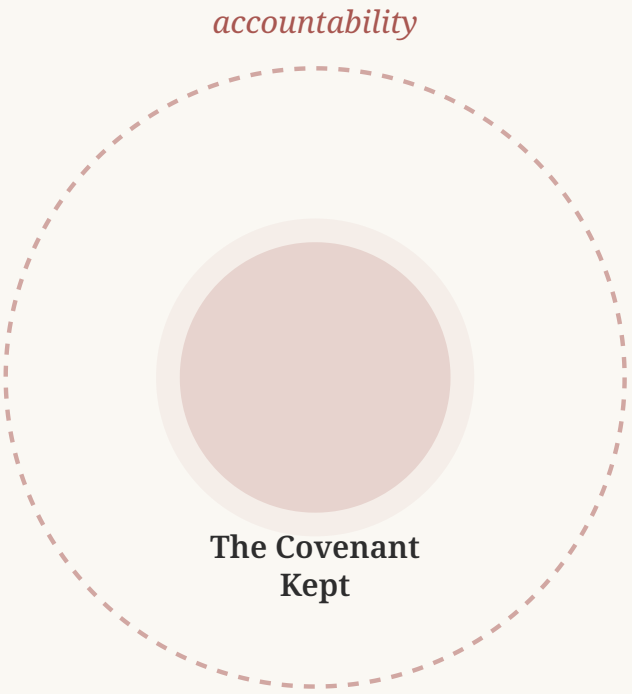

Repentance not accepted from those who repent only at death or as disbelievers

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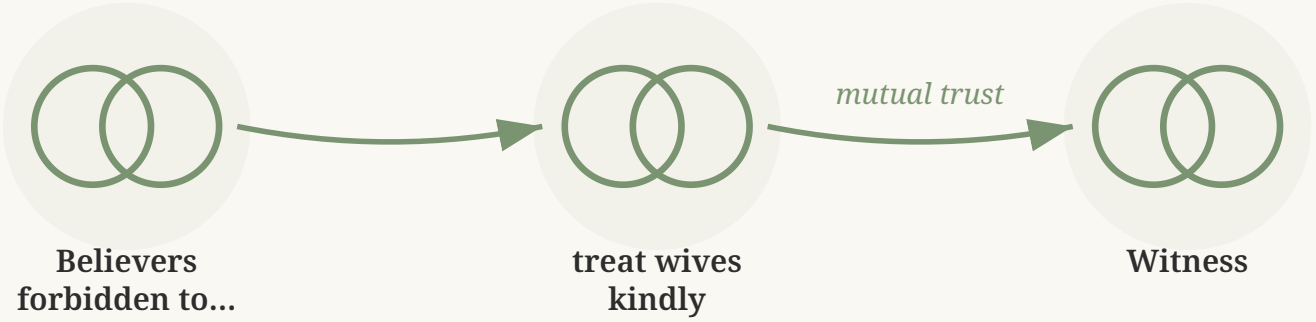

Believers forbidden to inherit women against their will; treat wives kindly

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Prohibition against taking back bridal gift given to a former wife

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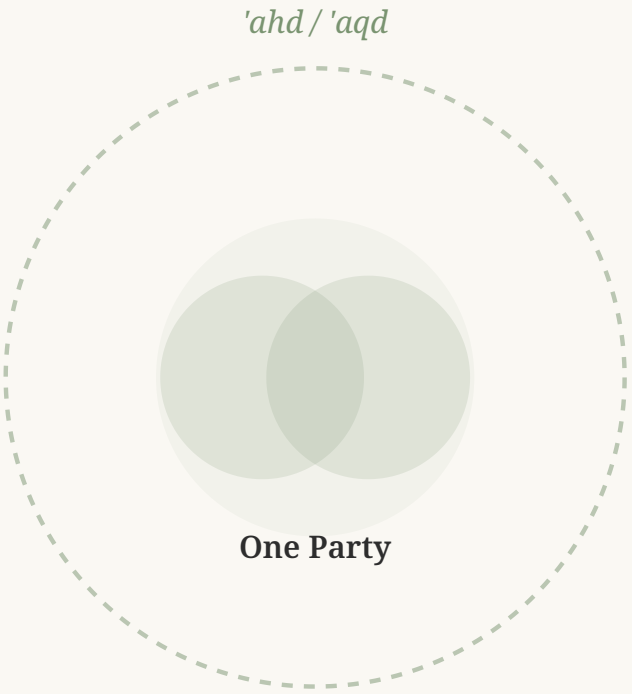

The "solemn/firm compact" (mīthāq ghalīẓ) of the marriage bond between spouses

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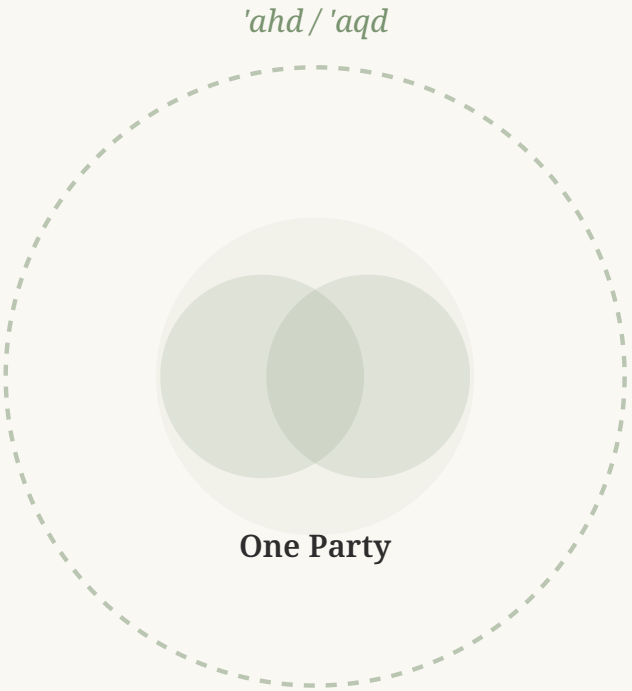

Heirs appointed for what parents/relatives leave; give allies their due share

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Allah does not forgive shirk (associating partners with Him) unconditionally

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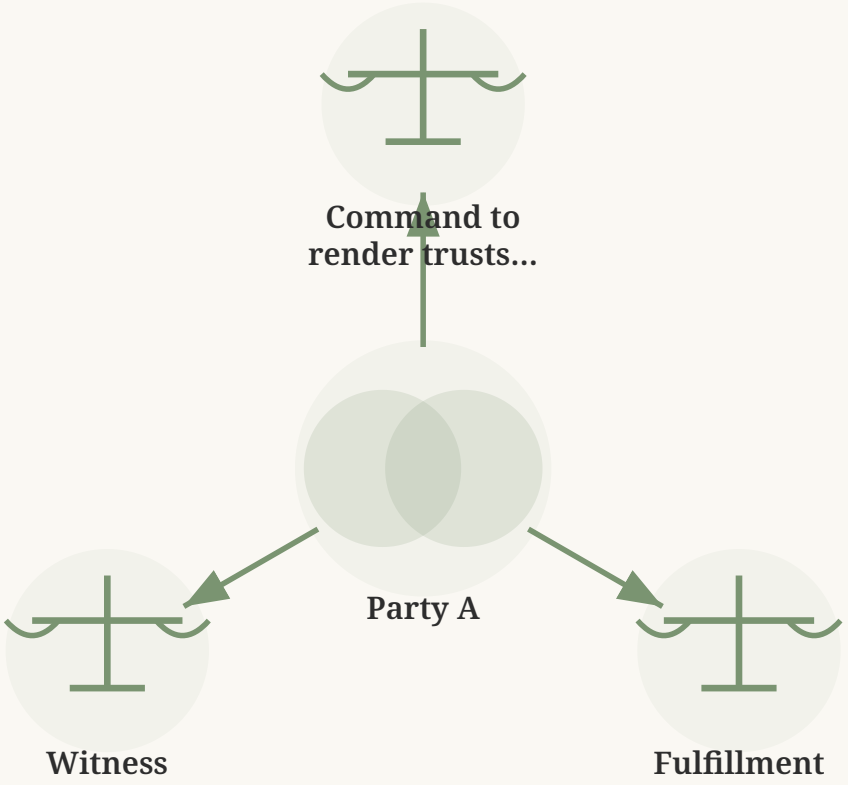

Command to render trusts back to their rightful owners

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Whoever obeys the Messenger has obeyed Allah

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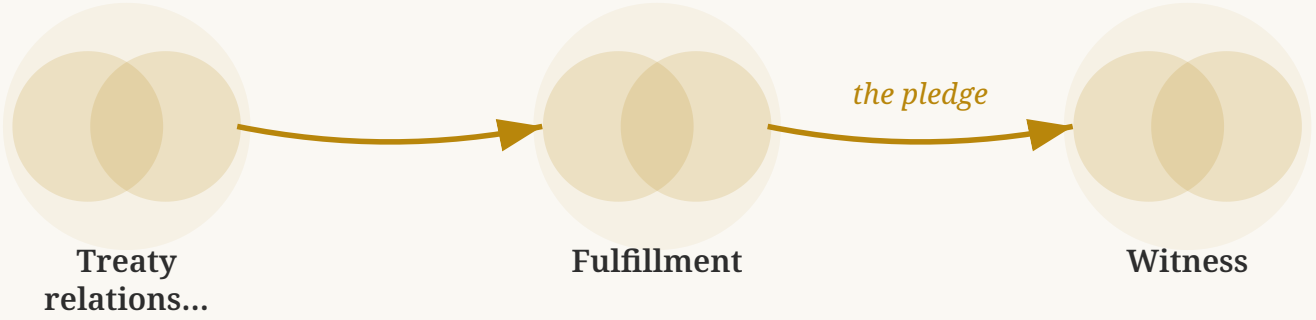

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Allah does not forgive shirk; forgives lesser sins as He wills

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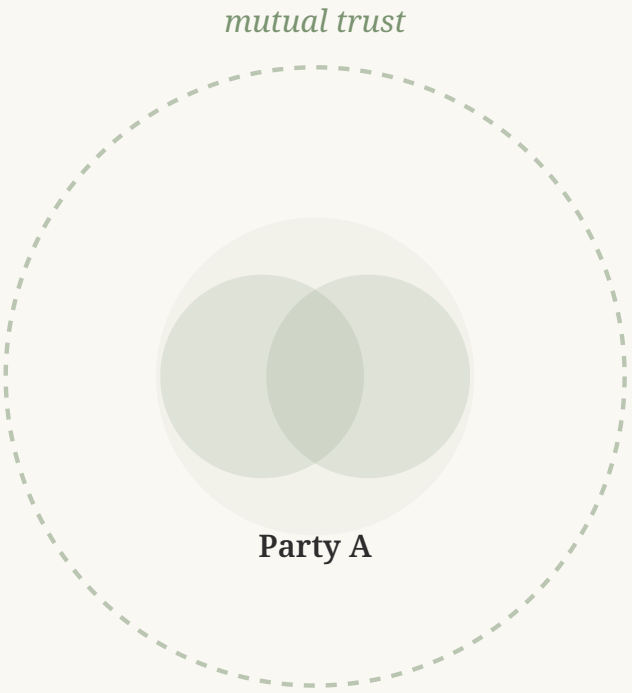

Command to stand firmly for justice as witnesses, even against oneself

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Mount Ṭūr raised over Banī Isrāʾīl by reason of their mīthāq

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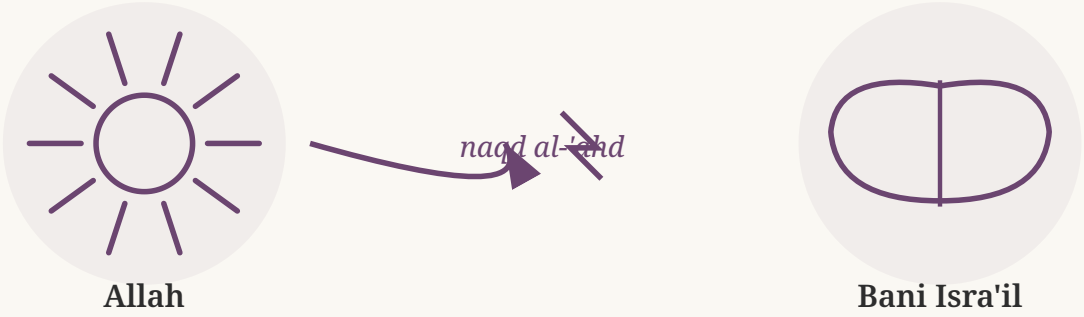

Israelites condemned for breaking their covenant and disbelief

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Allah spoke directly to Moses; mention of messengers sent with revelation

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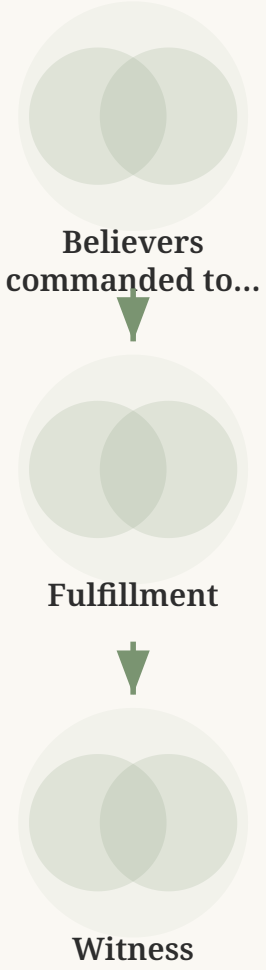

Believers commanded to fulfill contracts/covenants

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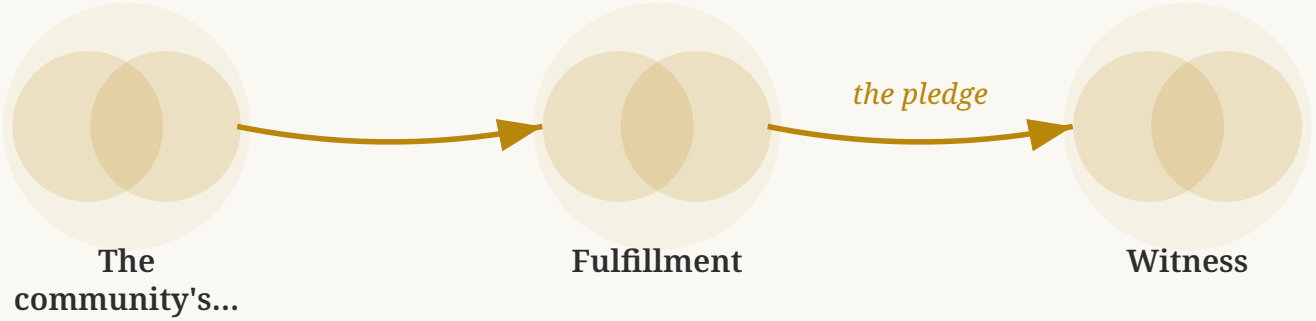

The community's mīthāq of "we hear and we obey" recalled as favor

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Mīthāq of Banī Isrāʾīl tied to establishing prayer, zakat, belief in messengers

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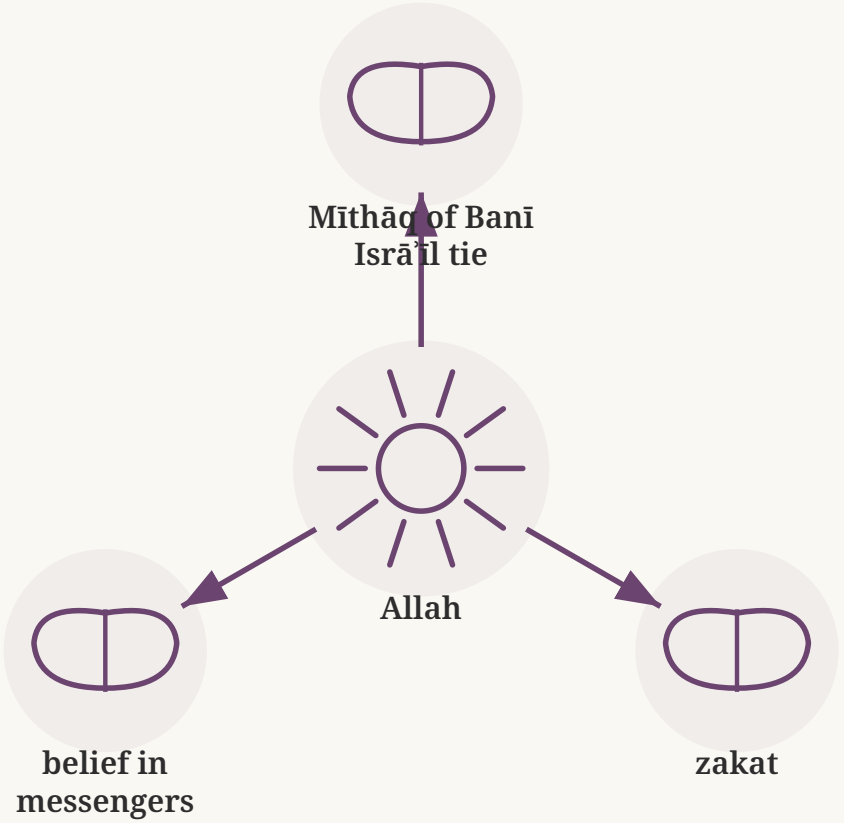

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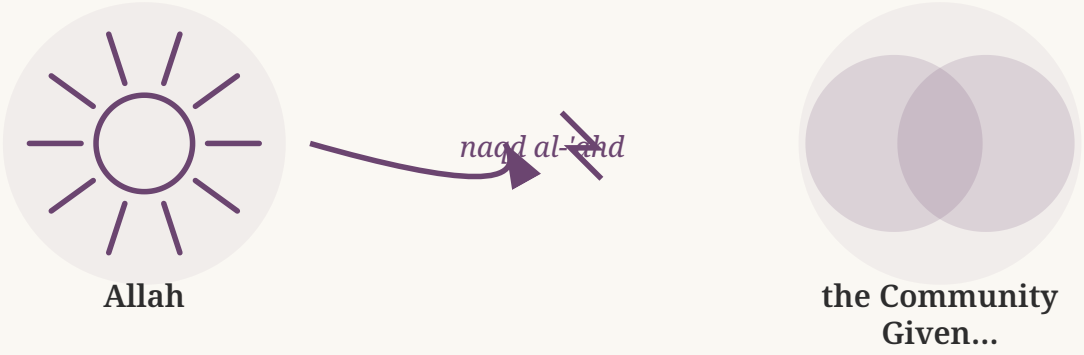

Because of breaking their covenant, Allah cursed the Israelites and hardened hearts

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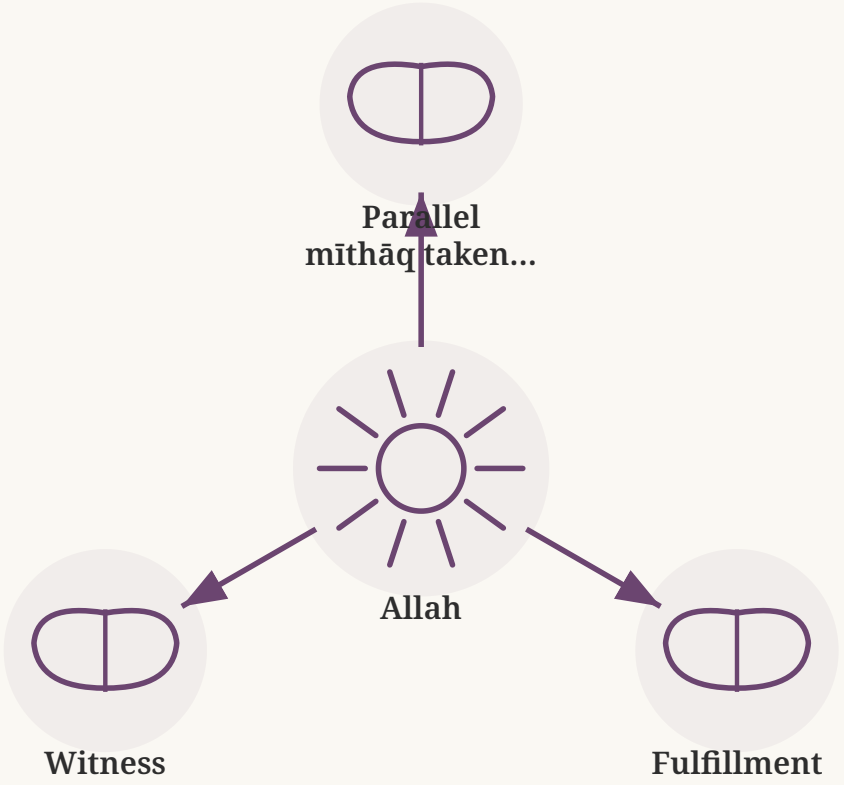

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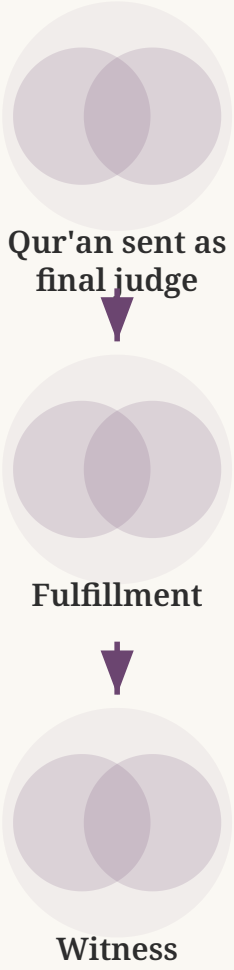

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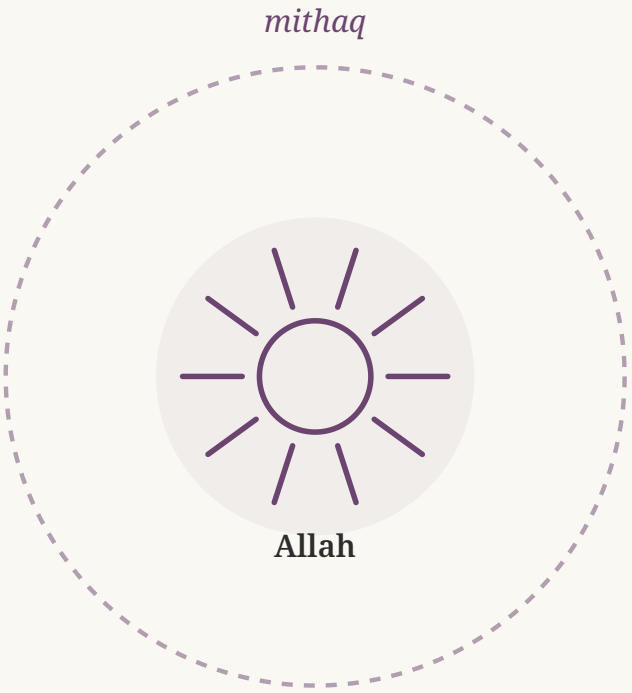

Mīthāq of Banī Isrāʾīl reiterated alongside sending of messengers to them

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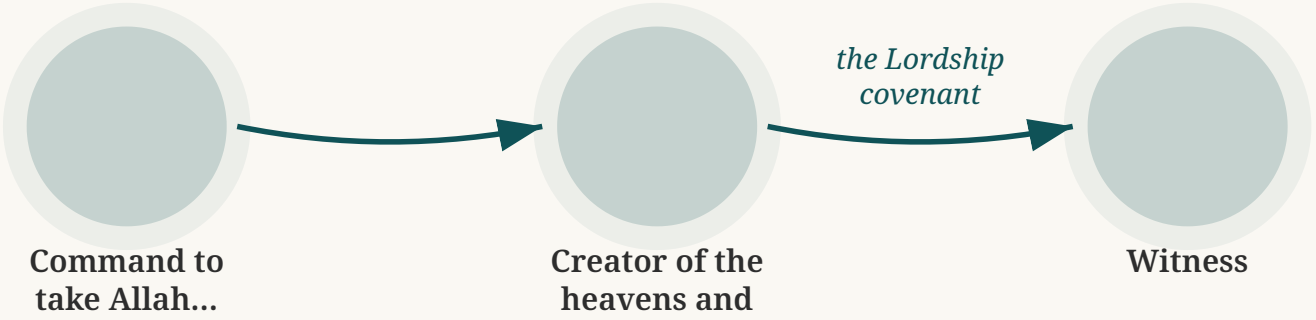

Command to take Allah alone as Protector, Creator of the heavens and earth

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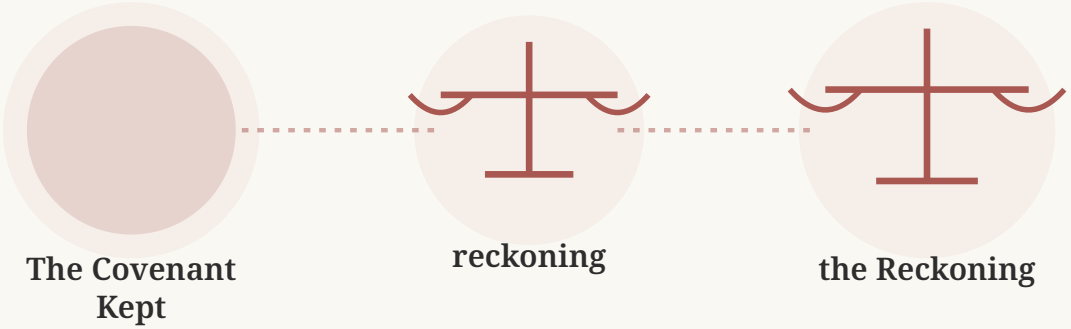

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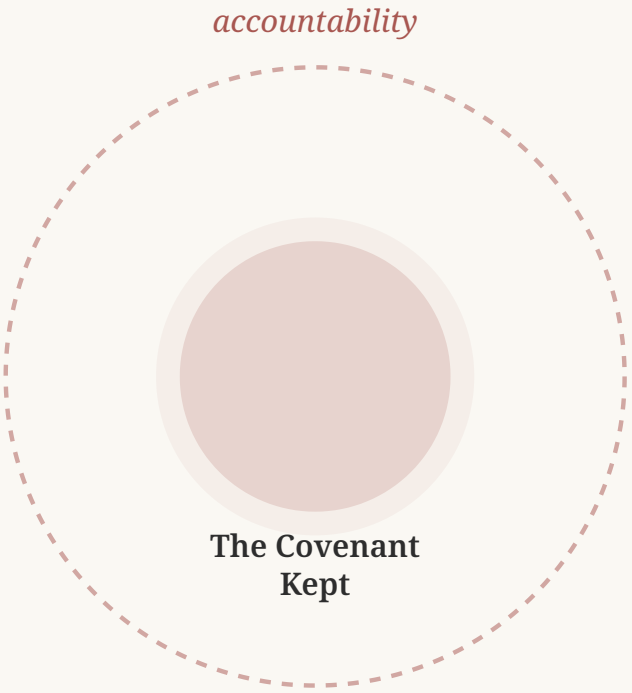

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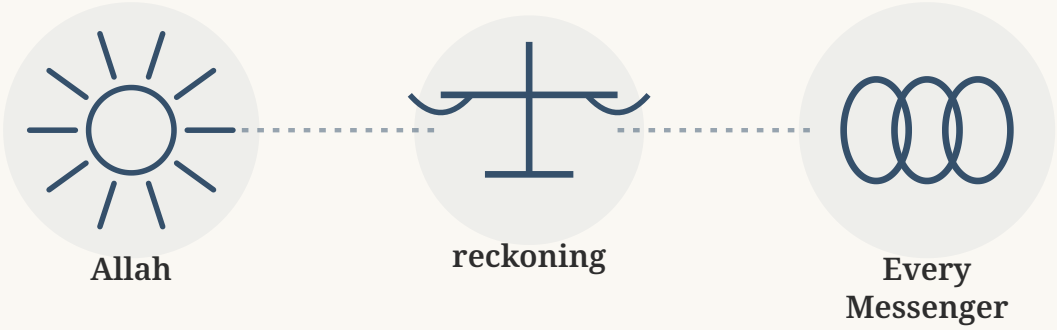

Allah commands Adam and his wife to dwell in Paradise but not approach the tree

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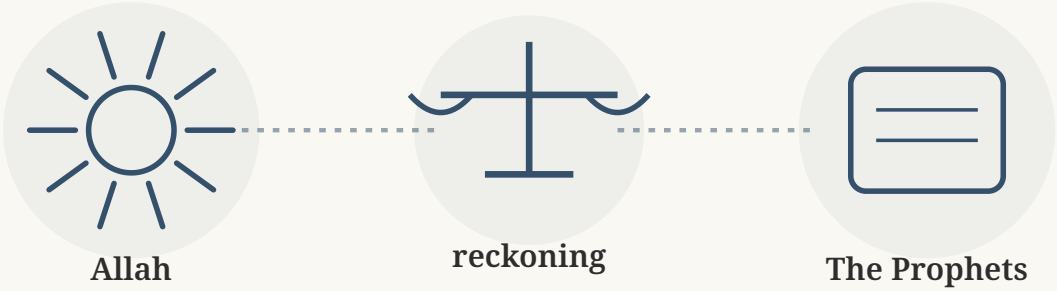

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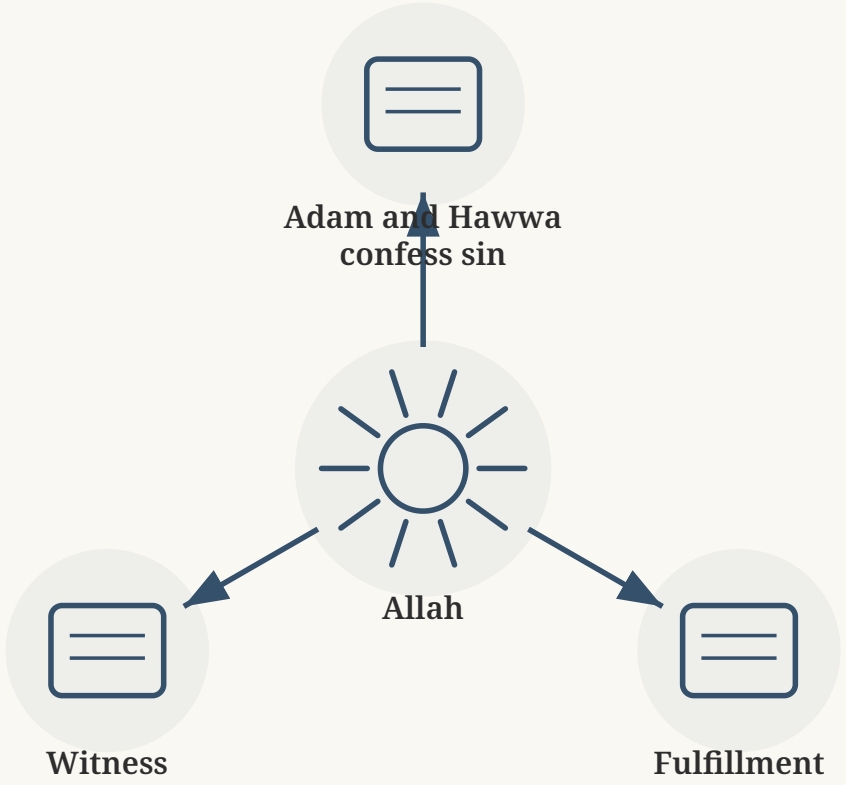

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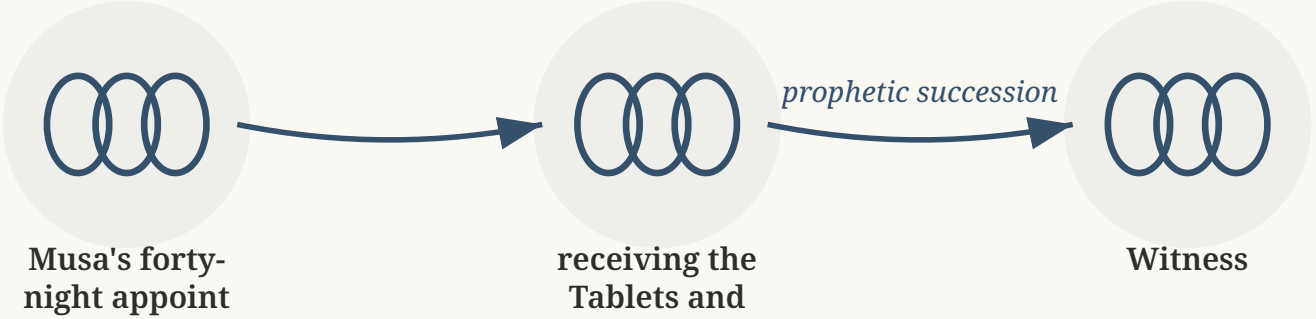

Musa's forty-night appointment on the mount, receiving the Tablets and the Law

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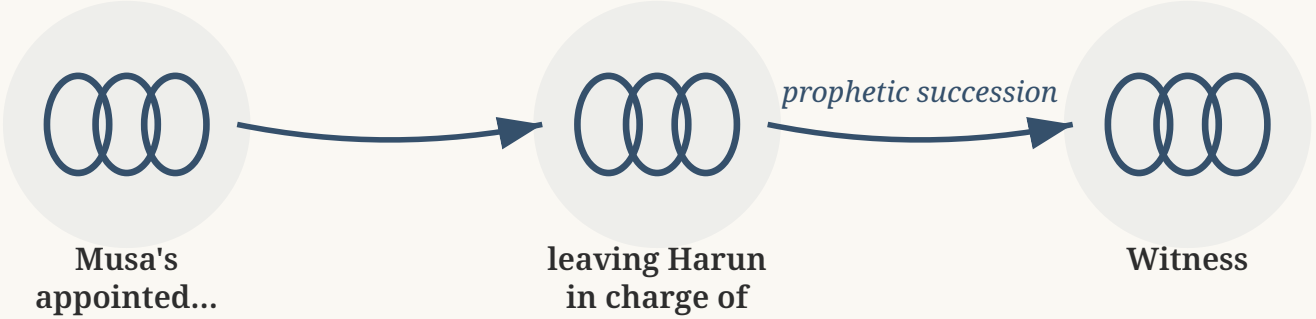

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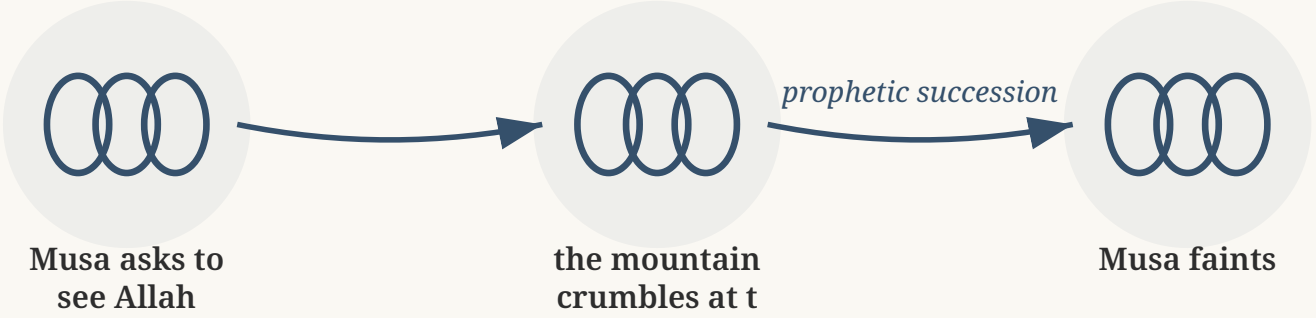

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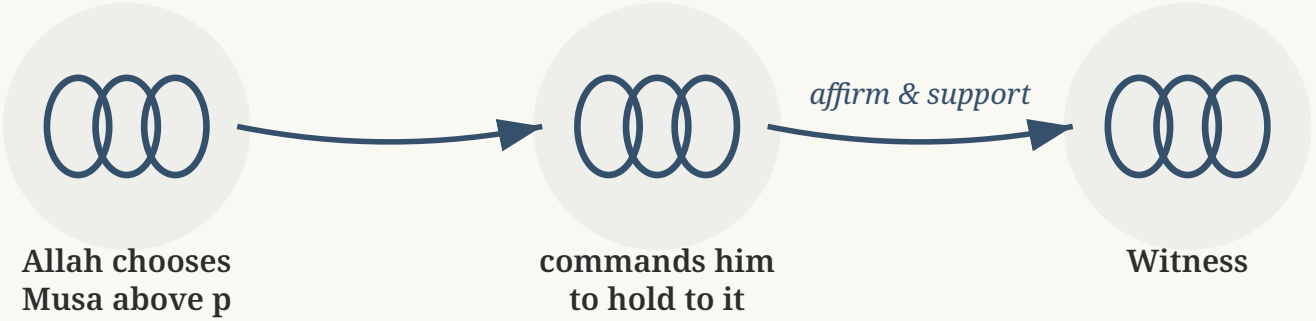

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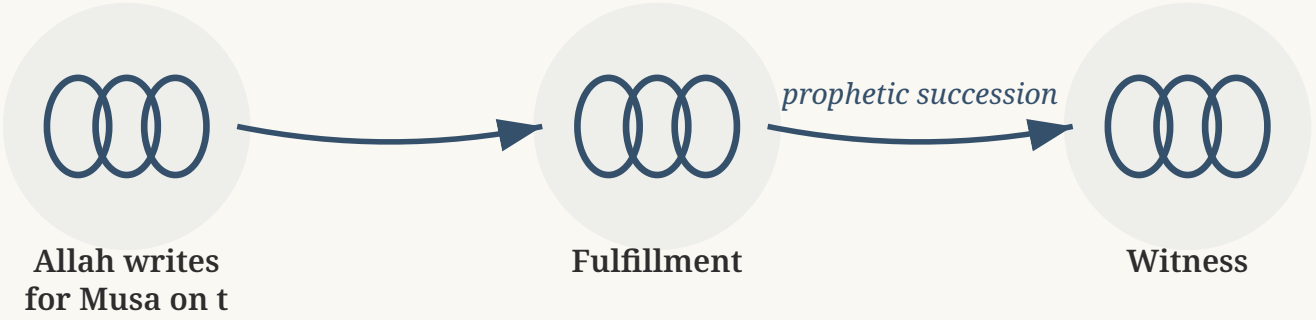

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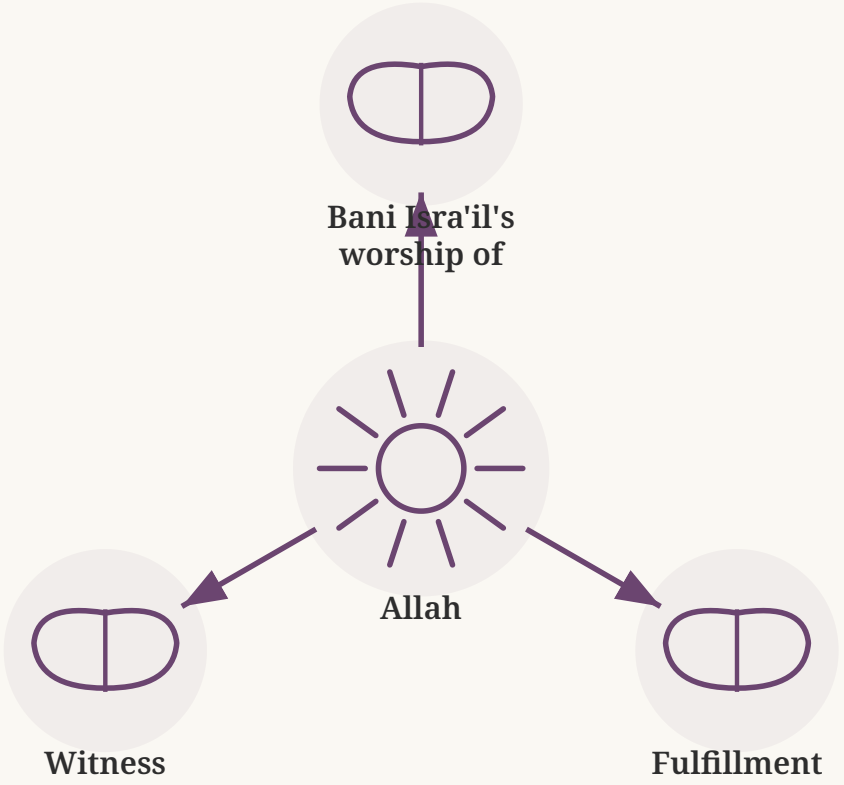

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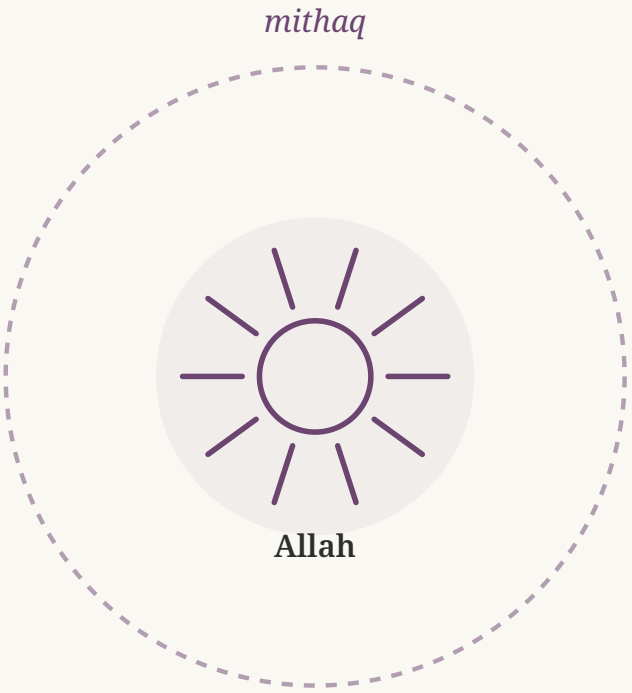

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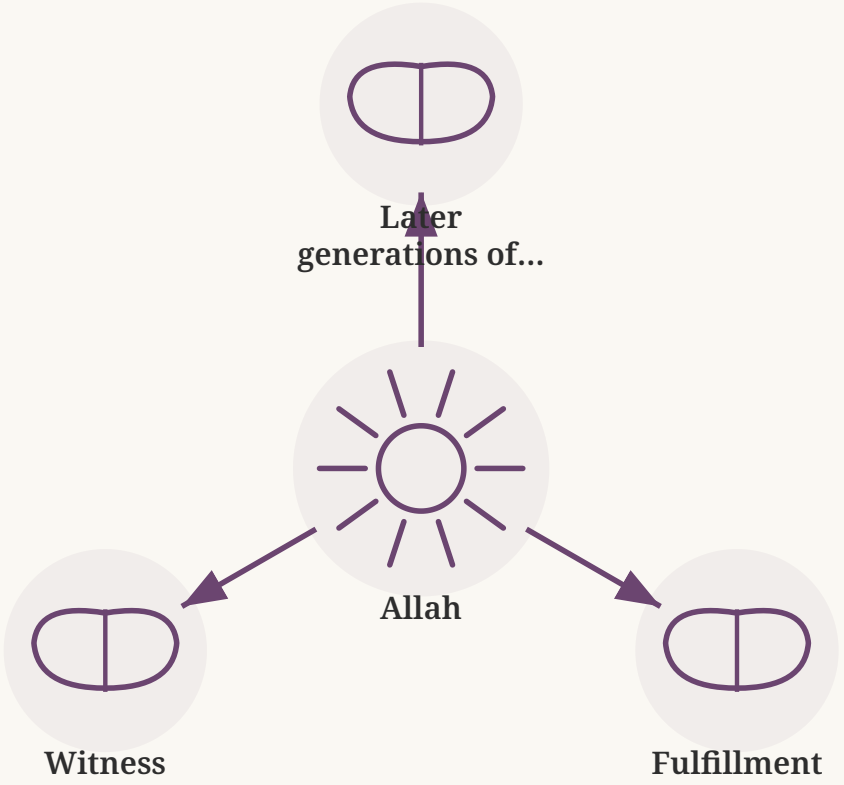

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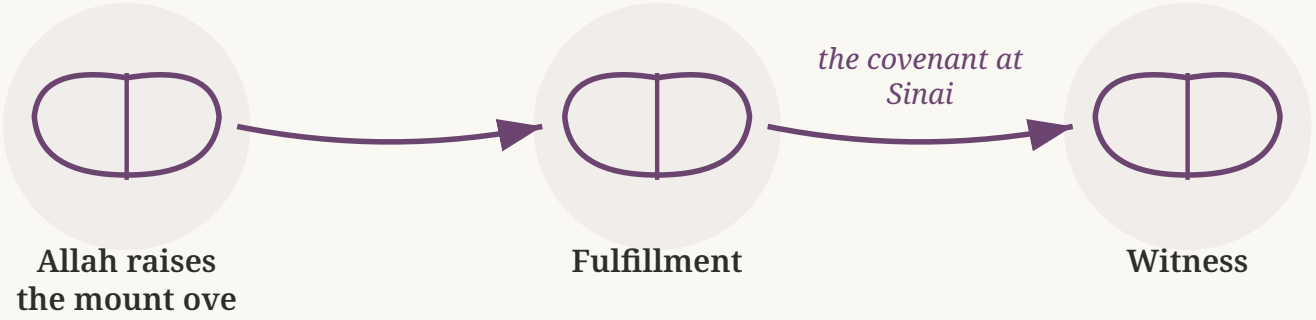

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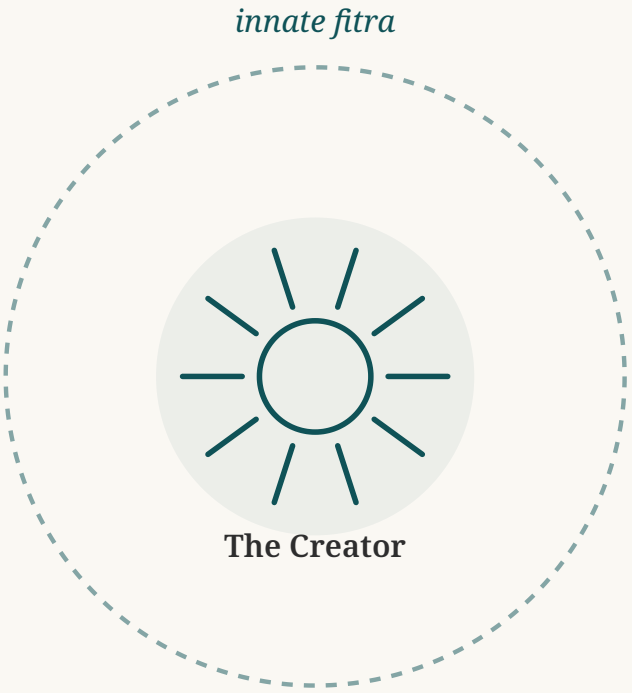

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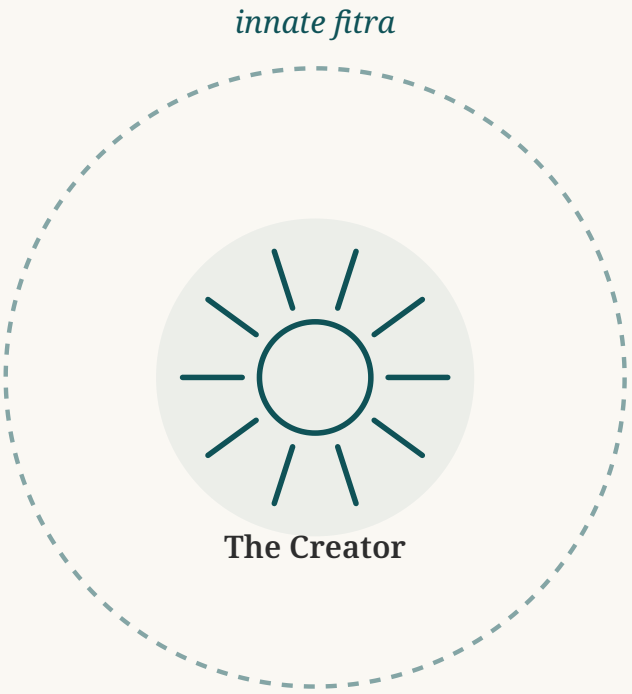

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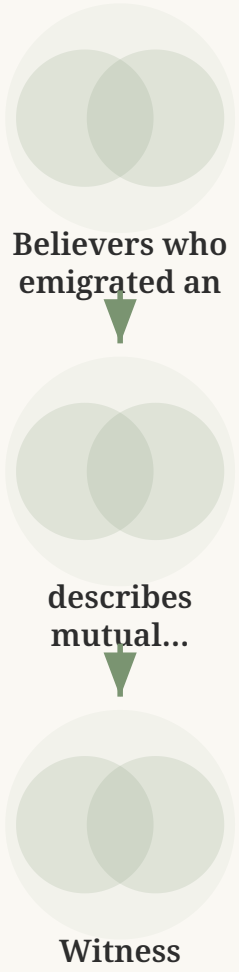

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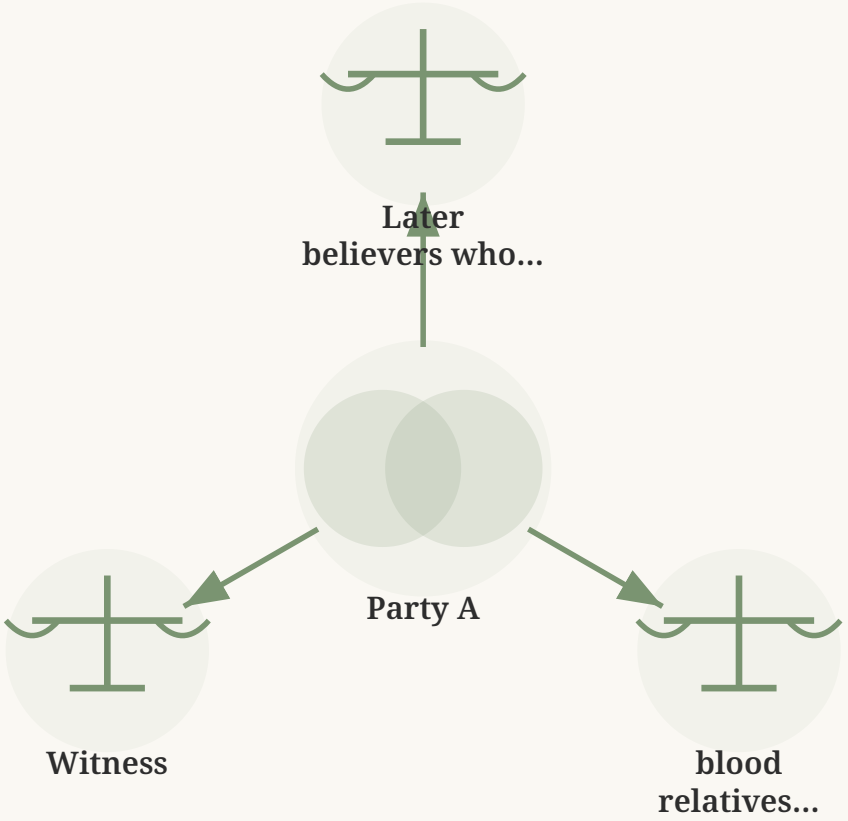

Later believers who emigrate and fight join earlier believers; blood relatives given priority in inheritance

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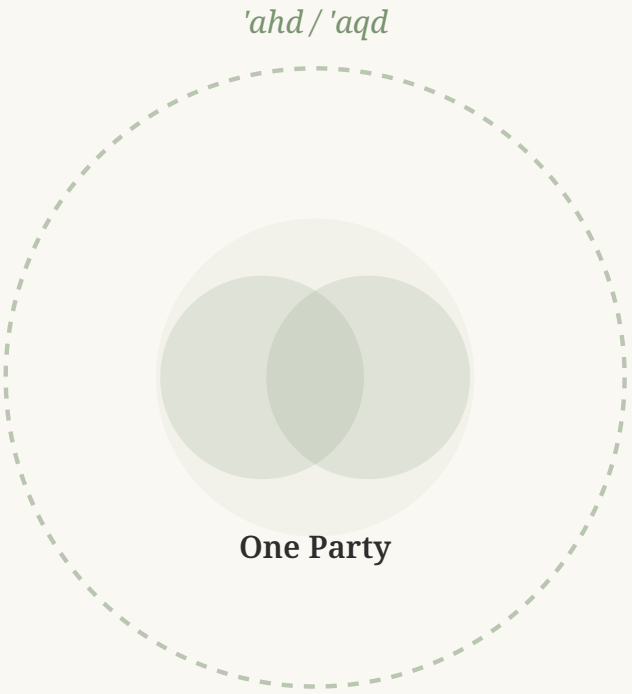

Declaration of disavowal (bara'ah) from Allah and His Messenger to idolaters with whom treaties were made

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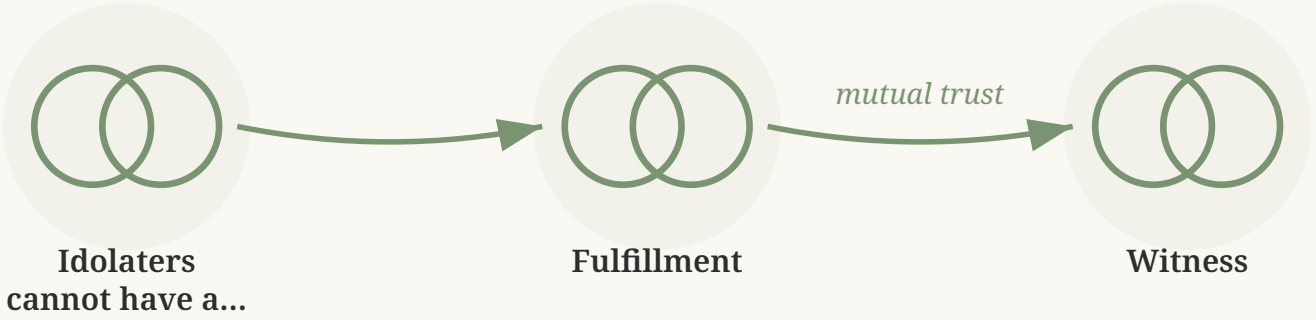

Idolaters cannot have a covenant with Allah and His Messenger except those met at Masjid al-Haram

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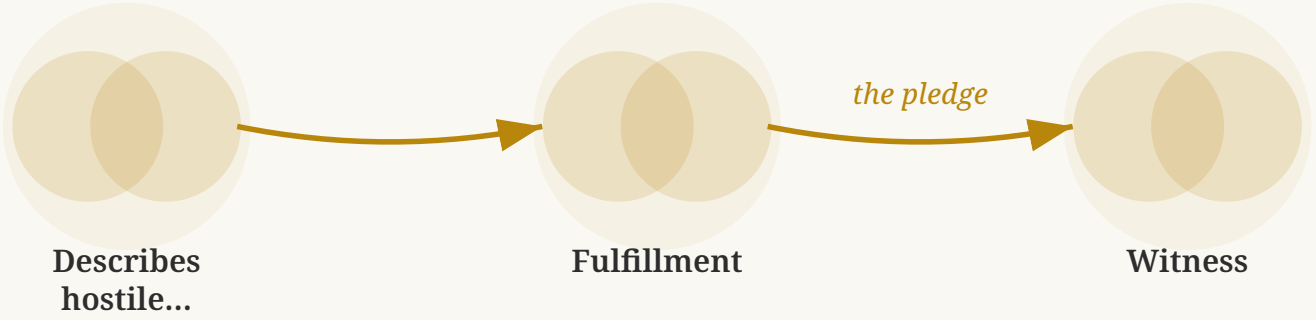

Describes hostile polytheists who honor neither kinship tie (illan) nor a covenant of protection (dhimmah) if they overcome believers

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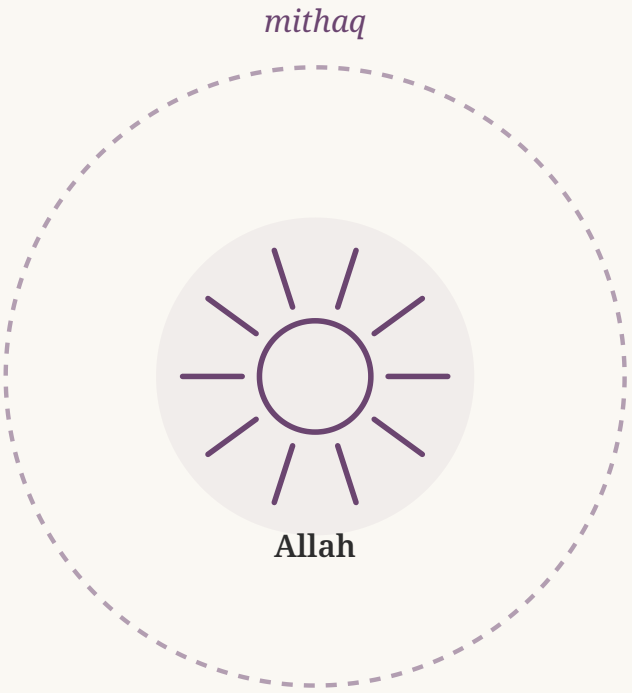

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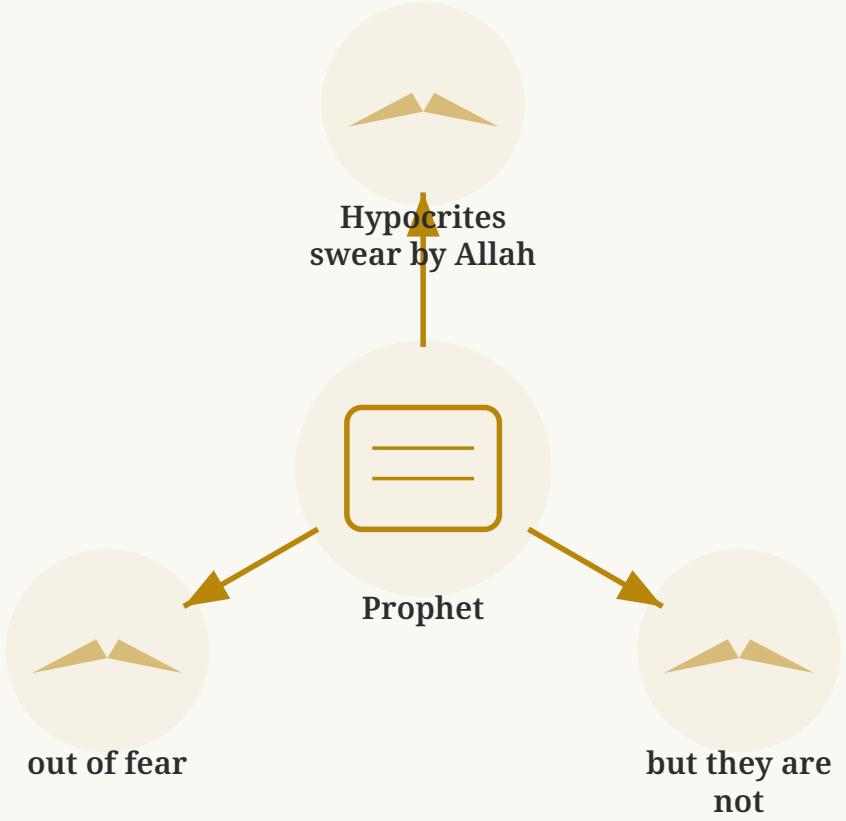

Hypocrites swear by Allah they are believers, but they are not, out of fear

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Believing men and women are allies of one another, enjoining good and forbidding evil

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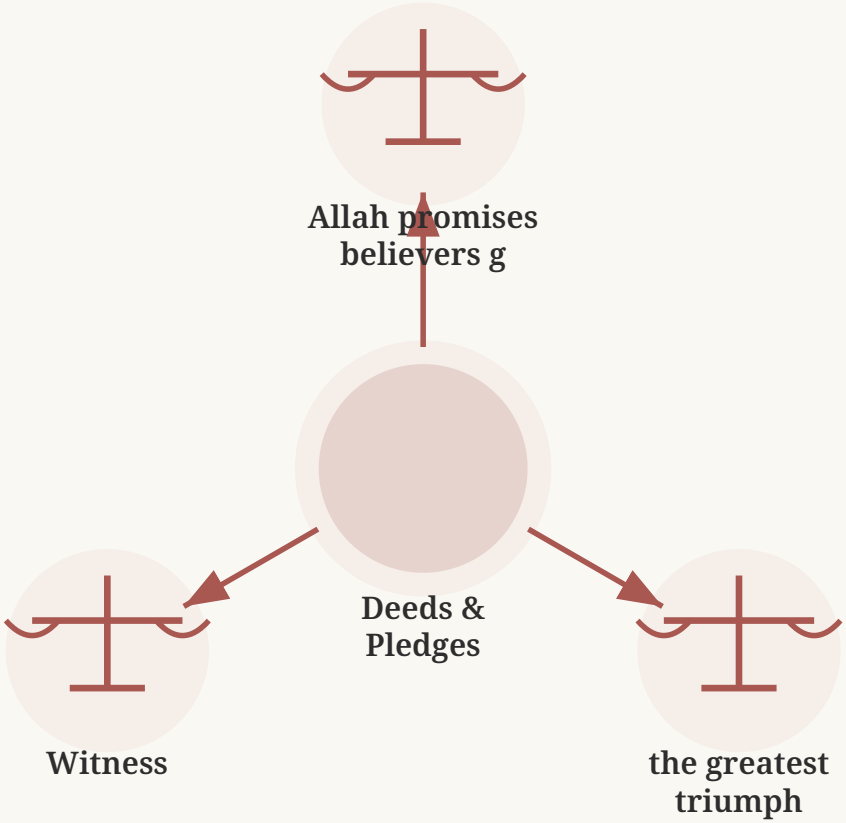

Allah promises believers gardens beneath which rivers flow and His good pleasure, the greatest triumph

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Some who pledged to give charity if enriched broke their vow, so hypocrisy filled their hearts

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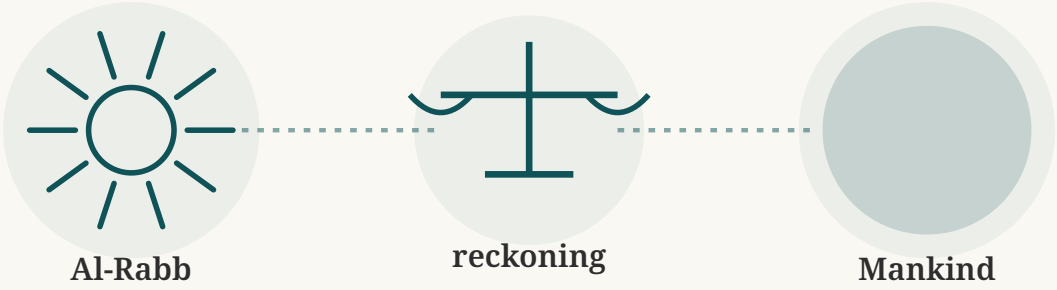

"Who is truer to his covenant than Allah?" — re the believers' covenant to sell their lives for Paradise

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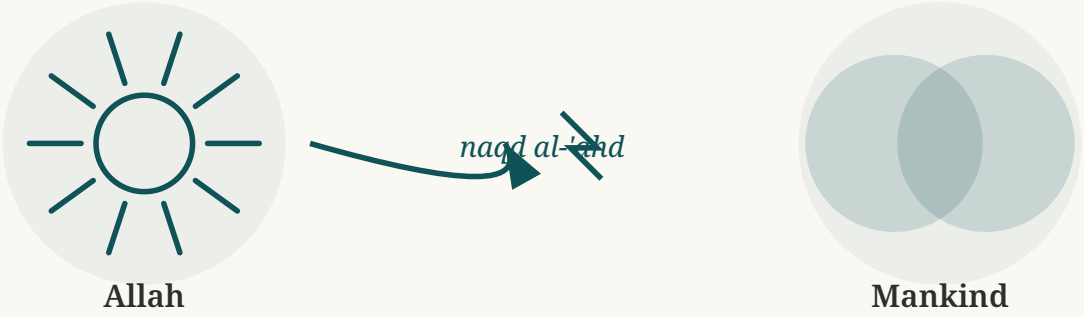

People of understanding are those who fulfill Allah's covenant and do not break the compact

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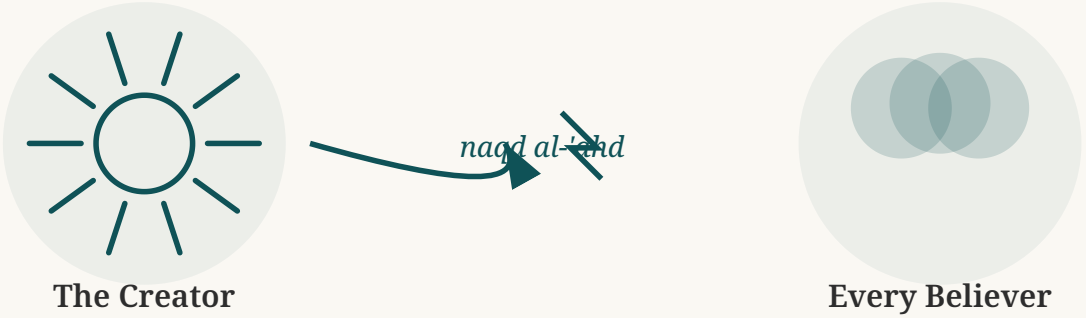

Those who break Allah's covenant after its confirmation incur curse

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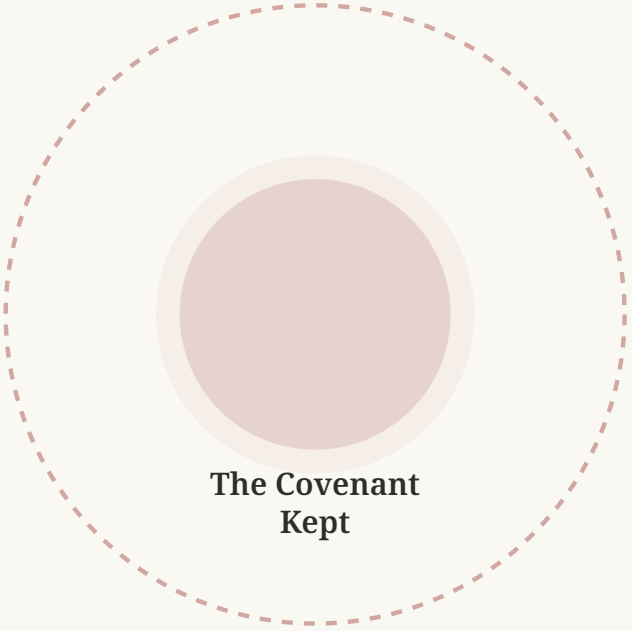

Allah does not fail His appointed promise

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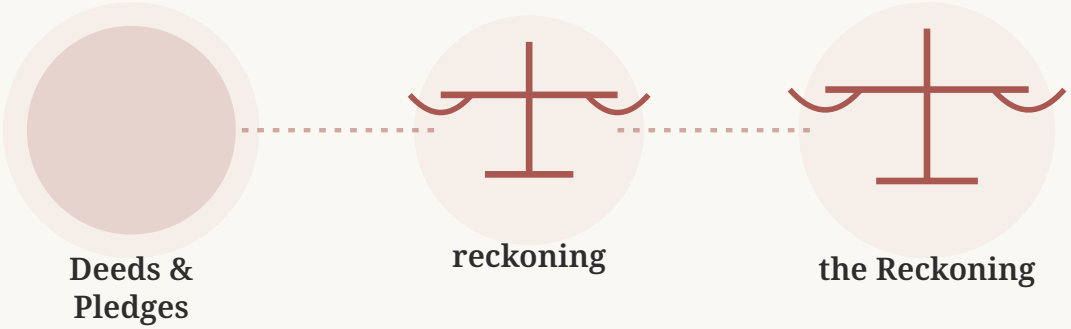

Satan's confession on the Day of Judgment: Allah's promise was true, his own promise was false

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Prohibition on breaking oaths after their solemn confirmation, likened to unraveling spun thread

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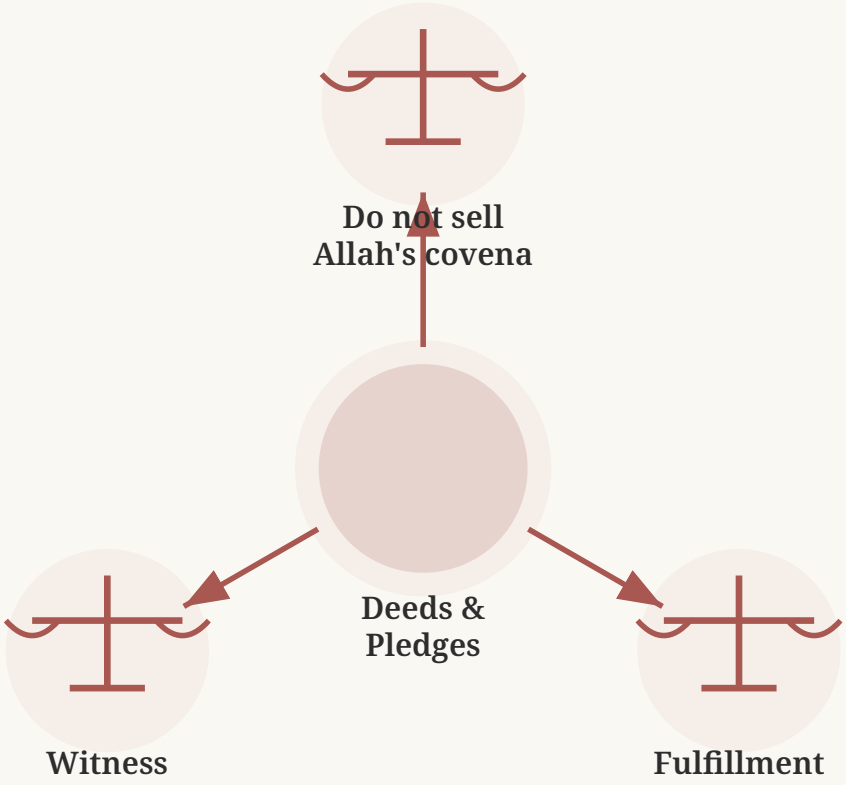

Do not sell Allah's covenant for a small price

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Ibrahim described as a nation obedient to Allah, upright, not among the polytheists

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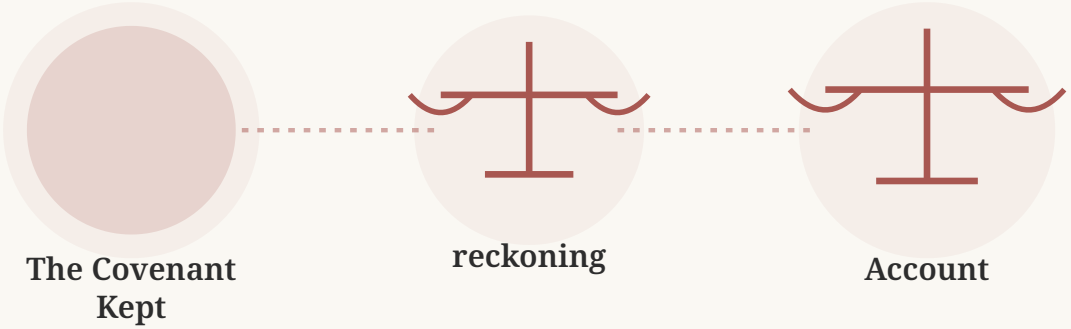

Whoever is guided is guided for himself; no soul bears another's burden; Allah never punishes without sending a messenger

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"Fulfill the covenant; indeed the covenant will be asked about [on the Day of Judgment]"

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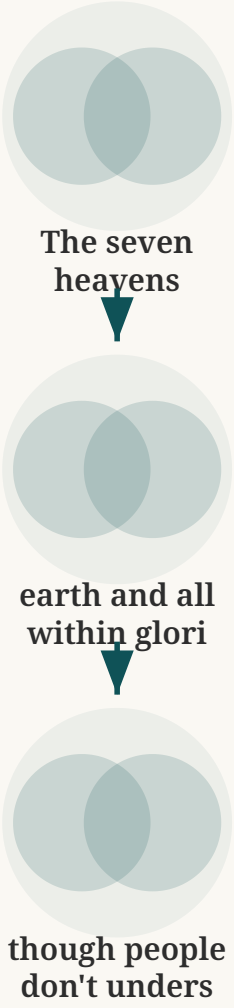

The seven heavens, earth and all within glorify Allah, though people don't understand their glorification

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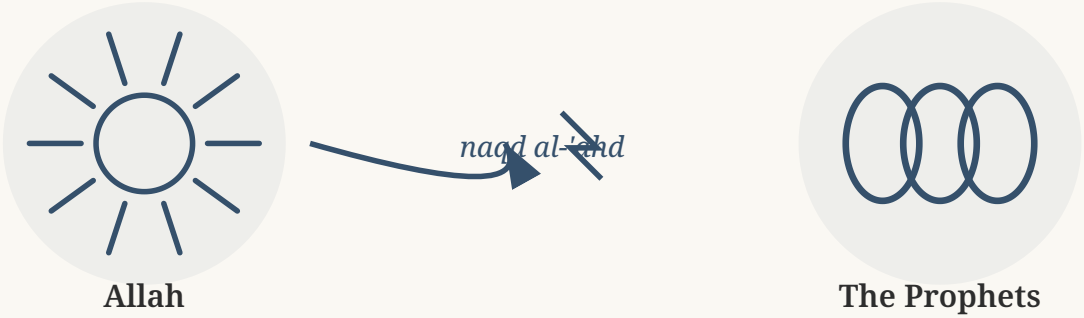

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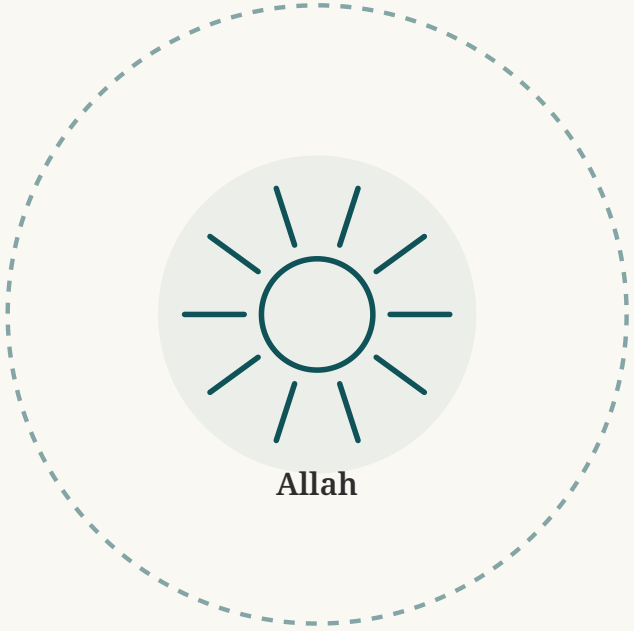
Alast — the primordial…



"Has he taken a covenant with the Most Merciful?" re: intercession claims — verify exact ayah (19:78, 87)

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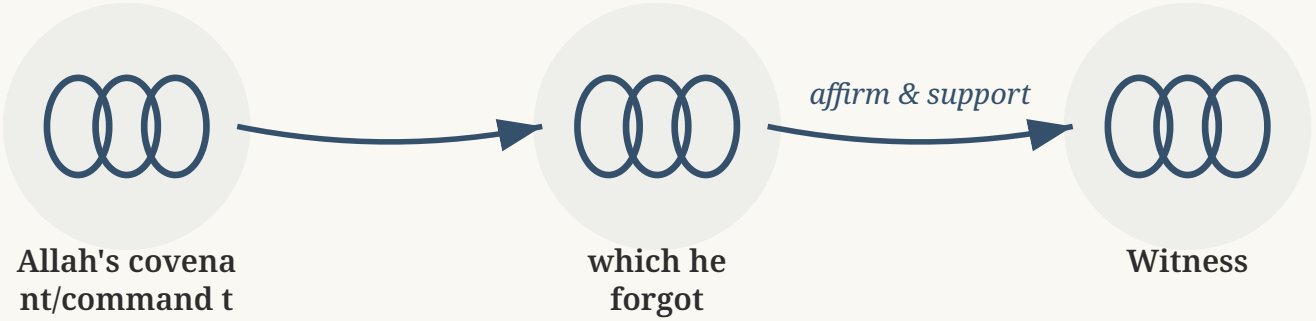
Q20:115



Allah's covenant/command to Adam, which he forgot

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Q20:120-121

Satan whispers to Adam about the tree of eternity; Adam and Hawwa eat and their nakedness appears

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Q20:120

Satan tempts Adam with the tree of immortality and unending kingship

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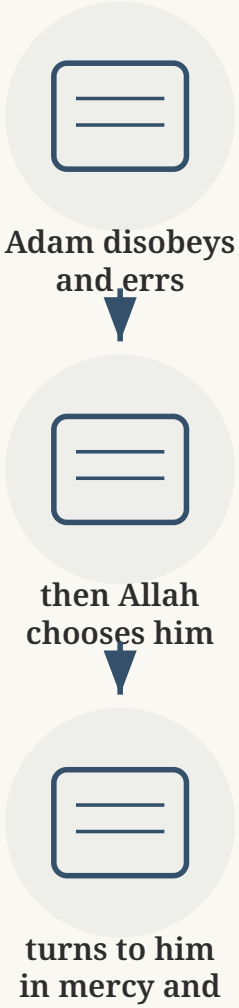
Q20:121-122



Adam disobeys and errs, then Allah chooses him, turns to him in mercy and guides him

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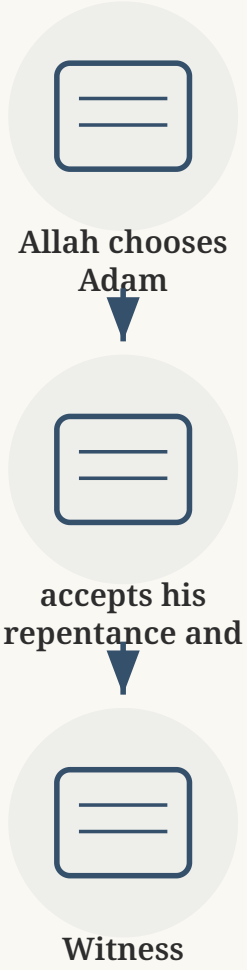
Q20:122



Allah chooses Adam, accepts his repentance and guides him after his lapse

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Q21:25

Every messenger before you was told: there is no god but Me, worship Me

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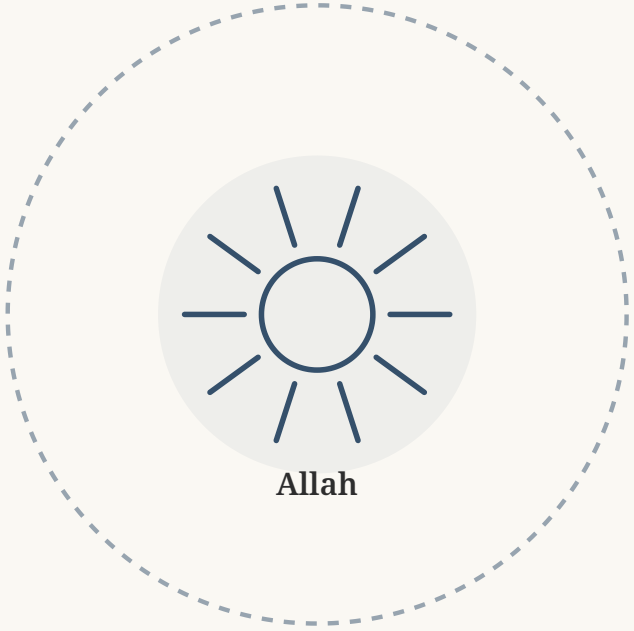
Q21:51-67

mithaq al-nabiyyin



Ibrahim challenges his people's idols and argues for pure monotheism

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Q21:92

This your religion/community is one nation, and I am your Lord, so worship Me

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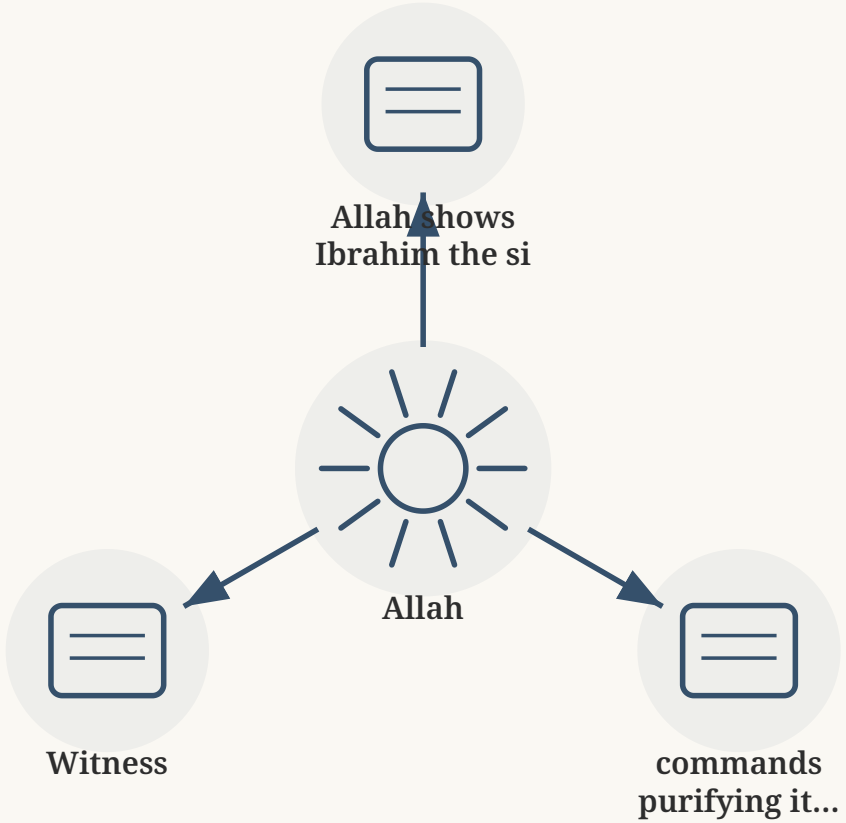
Q22:26-27



Allah shows Ibrahim the site of the House, commands purifying it and proclaiming Hajj

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Q23:8-11

Successful believers are those who are watchful over their trusts and covenants

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Q23:8

Successful believers are those who are watchful over their trusts and covenants

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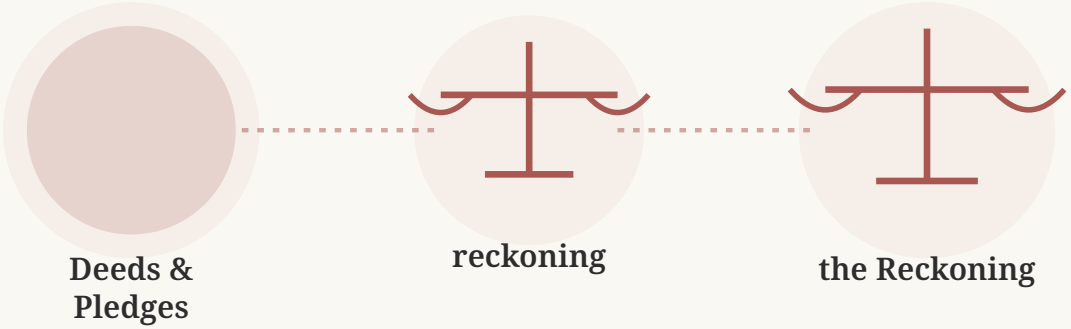
Q23:10-11



Successful believers will inherit Paradise/Firdaws, abiding therein forever

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Q24:55

Allah promises believers who do good deeds succession and authority on earth

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Q29:65

When at sea in danger people call on Allah alone, but ascribe partners once saved

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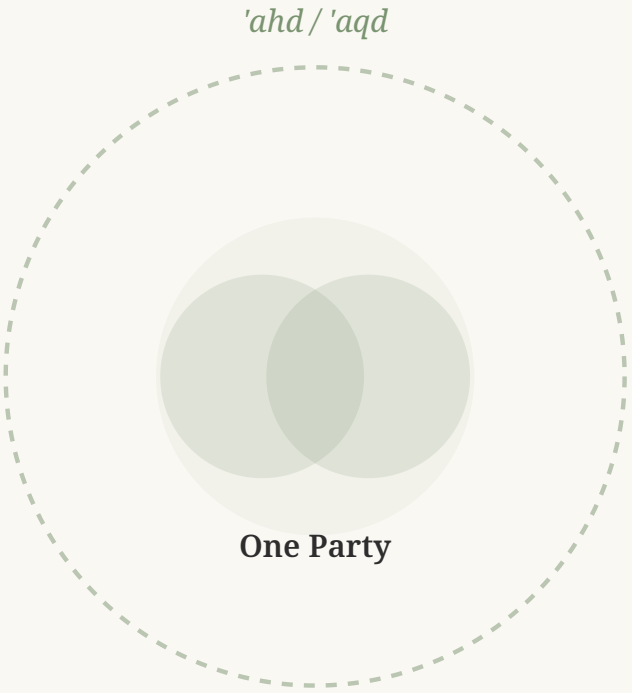
Q30:21



Among His signs: He created spouses for you to find tranquility, placing love and mercy

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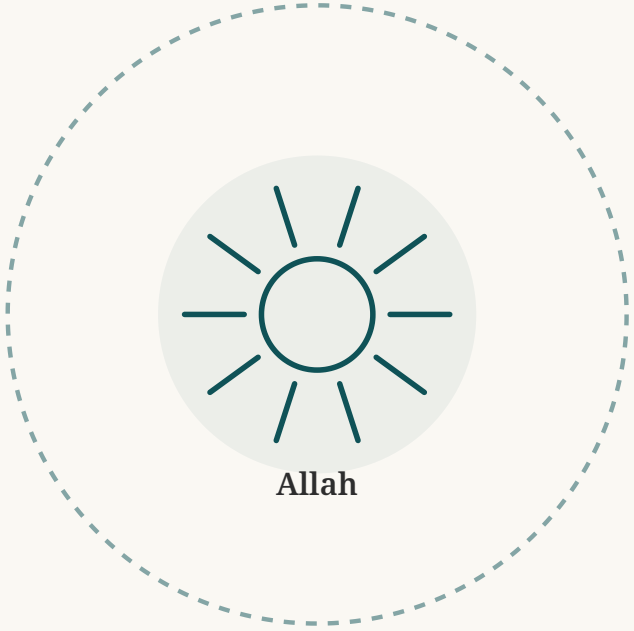
Q30:30

Alast — the primordial…



Establish the fitra, the natural disposition Allah instilled in mankind; no change in His creation

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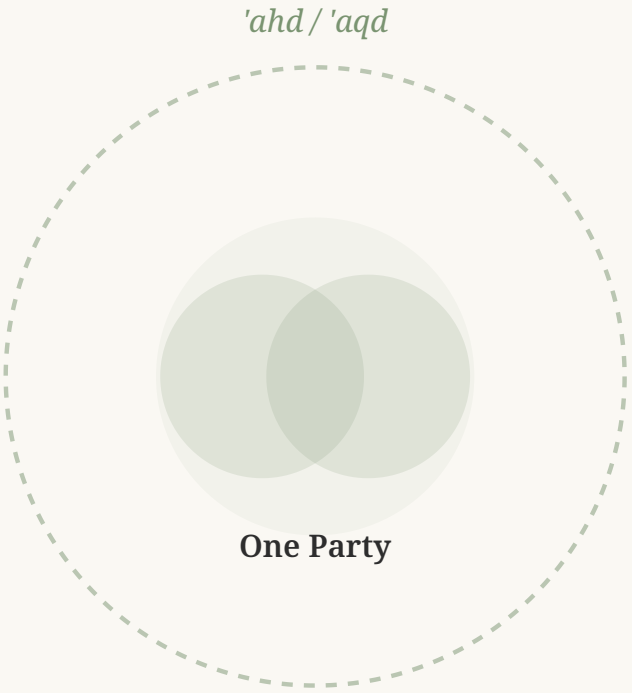
Q30:39



Usury given to increase does not increase with Allah; zakah given for His sake does

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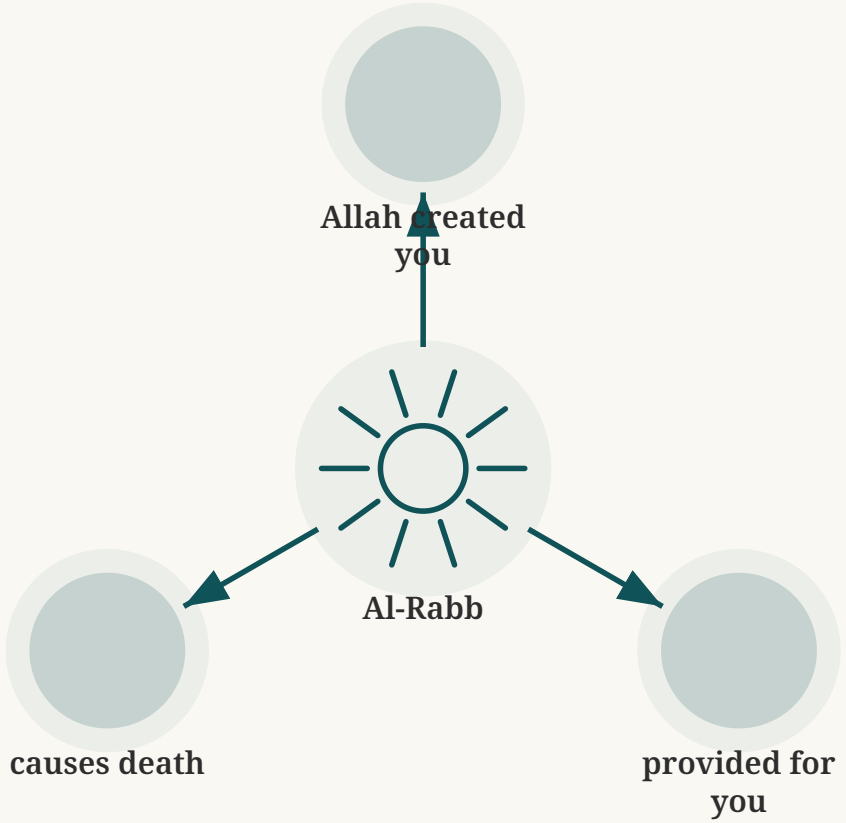
Q30:40



Allah created you, provided for you, causes death, and gives life; none of your partners do this

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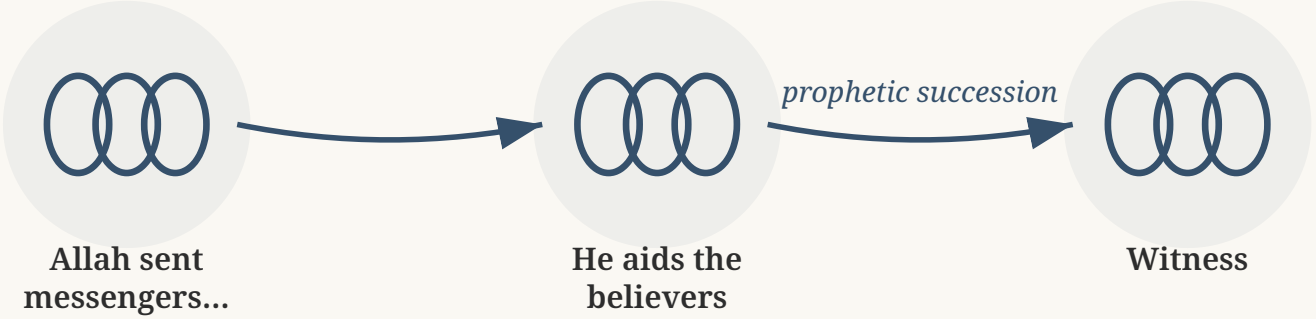
Q30:47



Allah sent messengers before you to their peoples with clear proofs; He aids the believers

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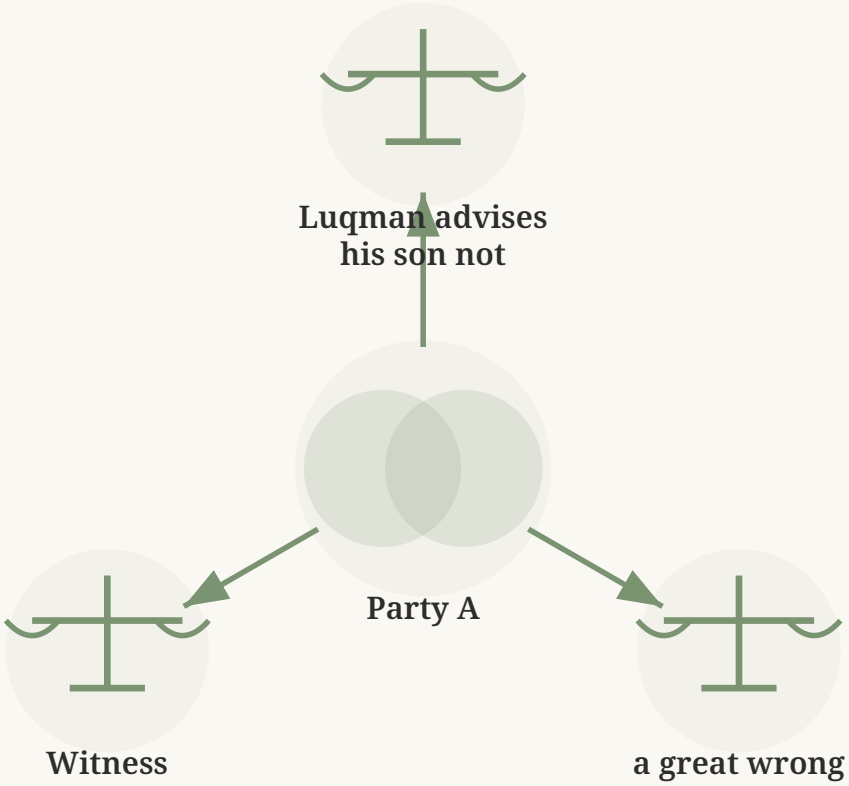
Q31:13



Luqman advises his son not to associate partners with Allah, a great wrong

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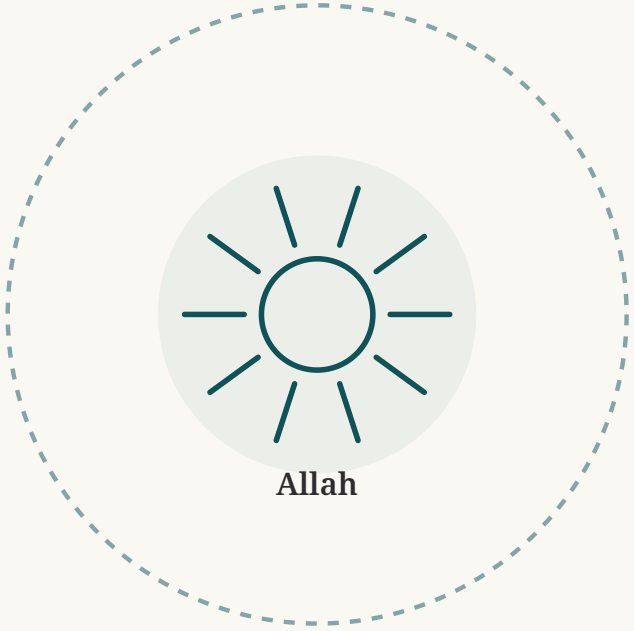

Parallel formula: whoever submits his face to Allah while doing good has grasped the firmest handhold

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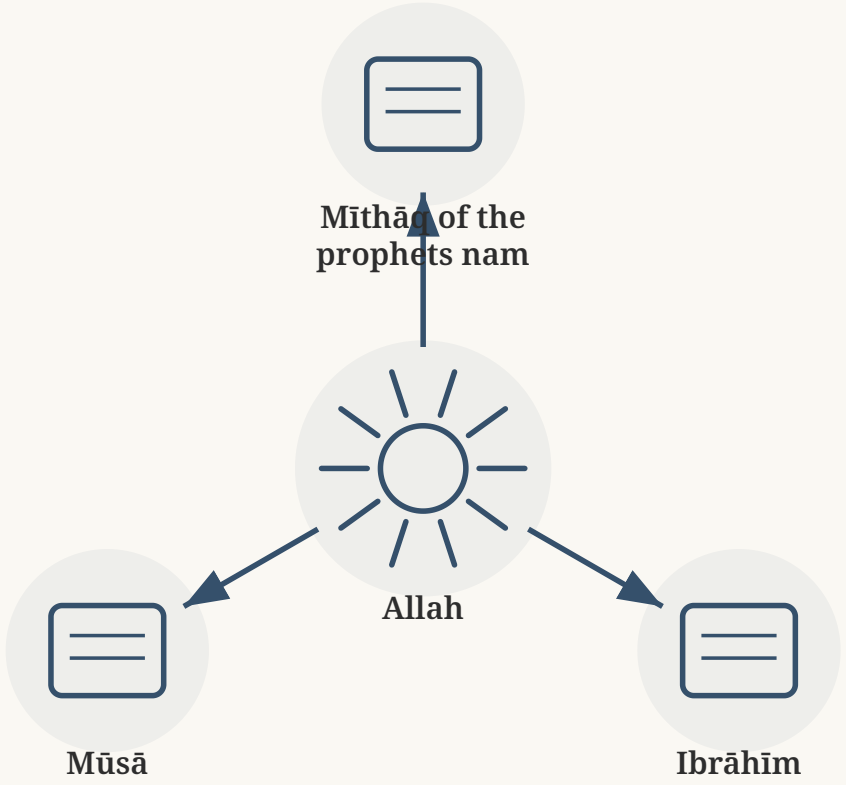
Q33:7



Mīthāq of the prophets named explicitly (Nūḥ, Ibrāhīm, Mūsā, ʿĪsā, Muḥammad) — a "weighty compact" (mīthāqan ghalīẓan)

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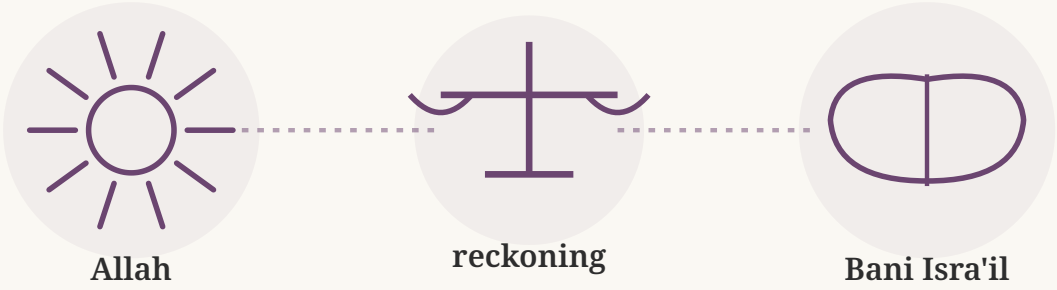
Q33:9-27



Account of the Battle of the Trench, hypocrites' failure, and the Banu Qurayza's breach of covenant

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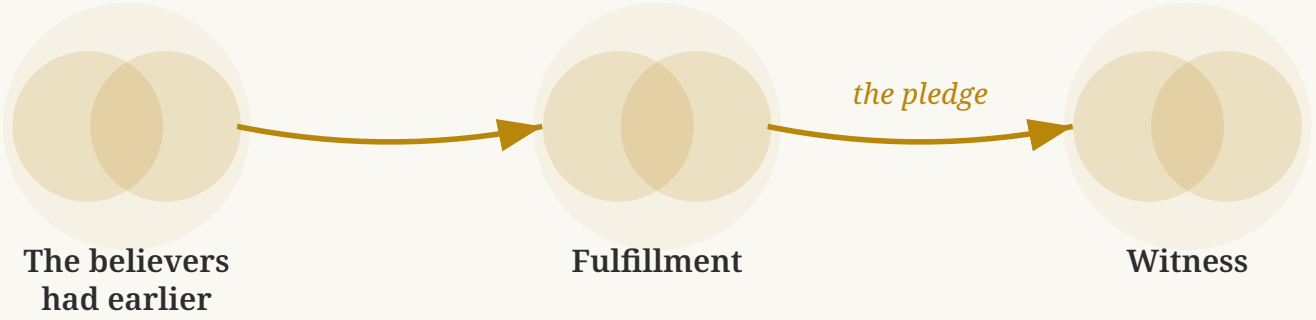

The believers had earlier pledged to Allah not to flee in battle

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Q33:21

In the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example for whoever hopes in Allah

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Q33:23

Men who fulfilled what they pledged to Allah (martyrs of the Trench)

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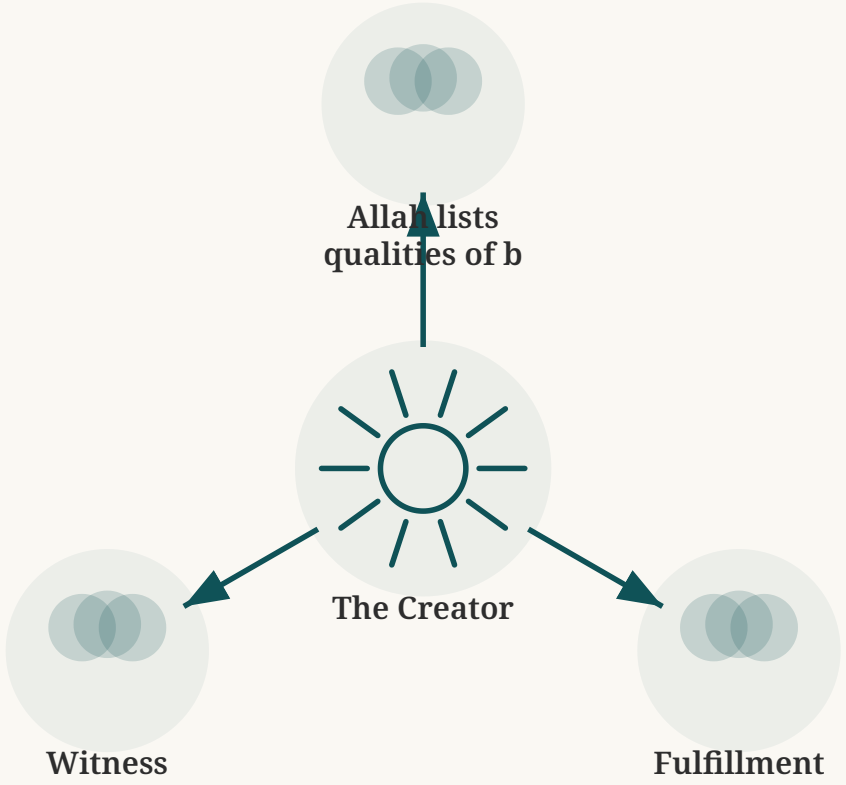
Q33:35



Allah lists qualities of believing men and women He has prepared forgiveness and reward for

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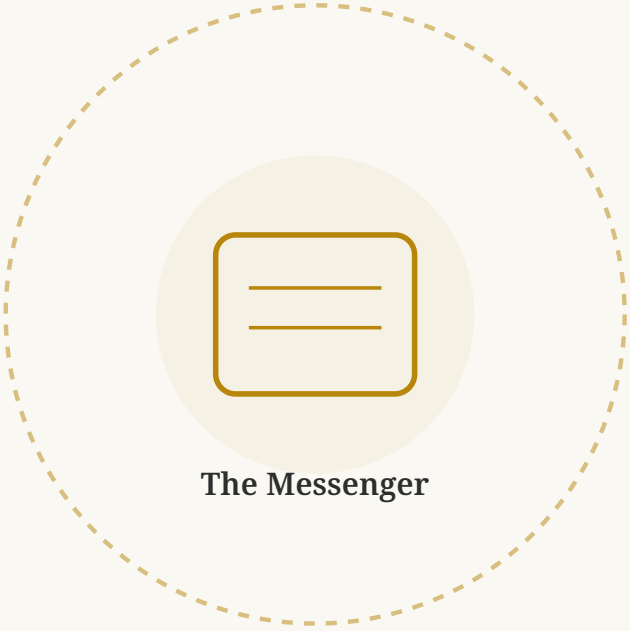
Q33:40

bay'ah



The Messenger

Muhammad is not the father of any of your men but the Messenger of Allah and seal of the prophets

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Q33:45-46

Muhammad is sent as witness, bearer of good news, warner, and one who calls to Allah by His permission

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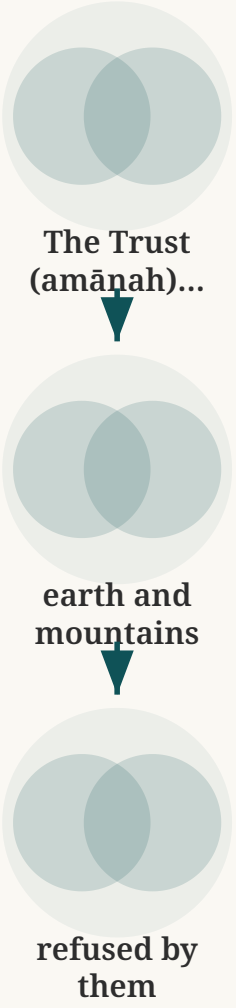
Q33:72



The Trust (amānah) offered to the heavens, earth and mountains, refused by them, borne by humankind

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Q35:5

O mankind, Allah's promise is true; do not let worldly life or Satan deceive you

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Q35:18

No soul bears another's burden; warning is only of use to those who fear their Lord unseen

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Q35:39

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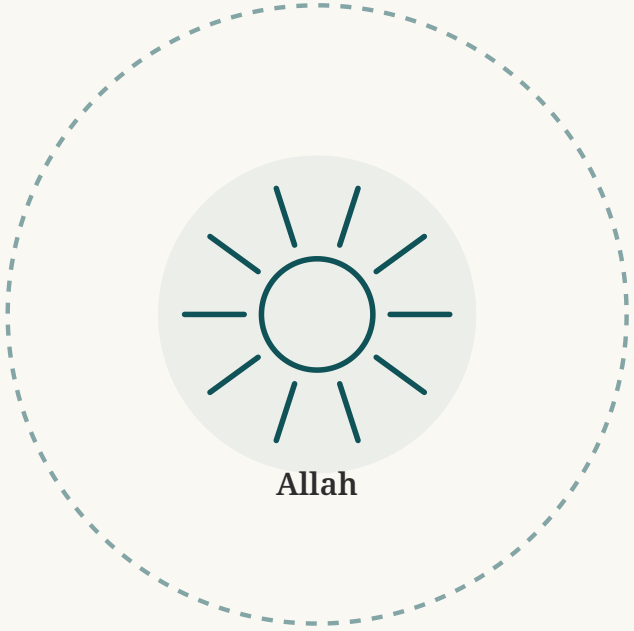

Allah made you successors/vicegerents on earth; disbelief only harms the disbeliever

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Q36:60

"Did I not enjoin/covenant upon you, O Children of Adam, not to worship Satan"

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Q37:102

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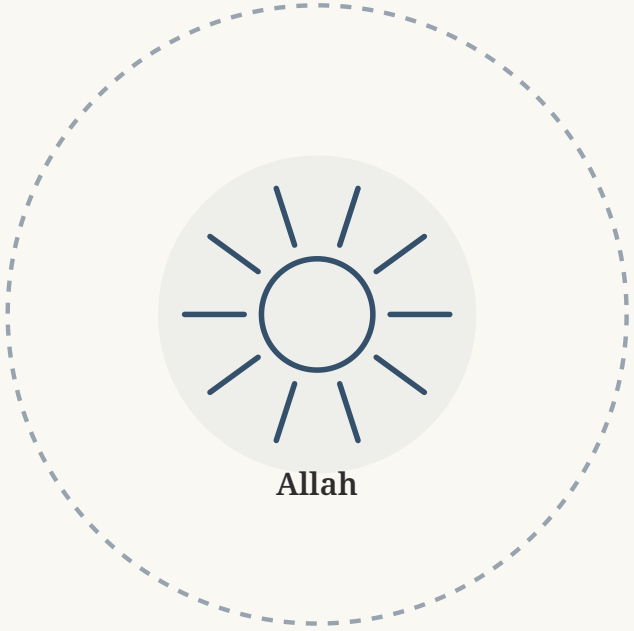

Ibrahim tells his son of the dream to sacrifice him; the son submits patiently

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Q37:102-107

Ibrahim's vision to sacrifice Isma'il, their submission, and Allah's ransom with a great sacrifice

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Q38:26

Dawud is made a vicegerent on earth, told to judge justly and not follow desire

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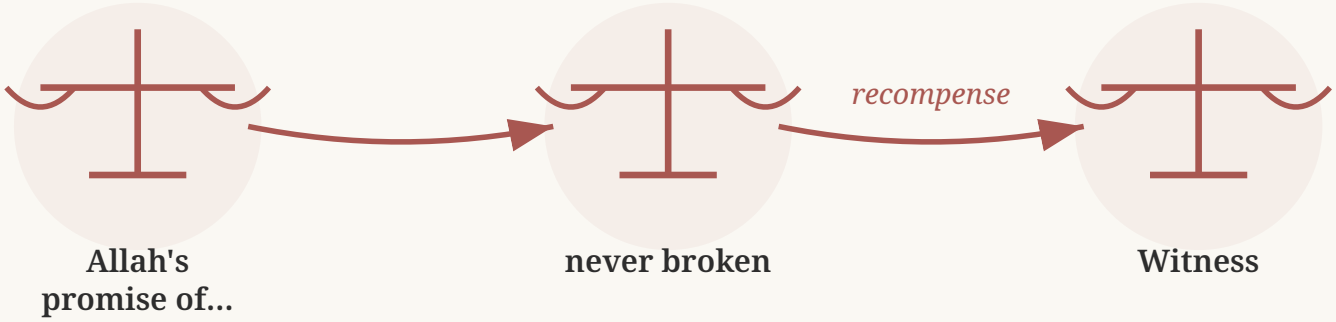
Q39:20



Allah's promise of gardens for the muttaqīn, never broken

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Q39:65

It has been revealed to you and prior prophets: if you associate partners, your deeds are void

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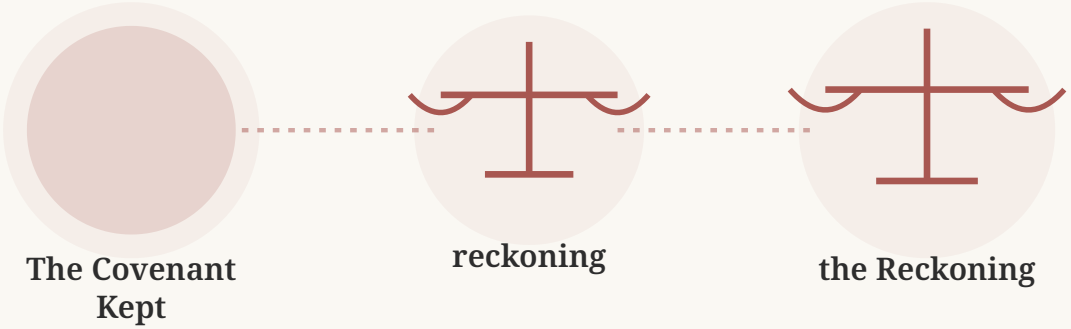
Q39:74



People of Paradise affirming "He has fulfilled His promise to us"

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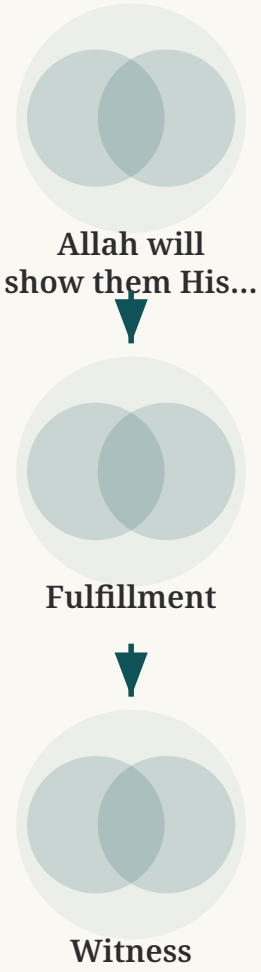

Allah will show them His signs in the horizons and within themselves until truth is clear

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Q48:10

Regarding Bayʿat al-Riḍwān: whoever breaks his pledge harms himself; whoever fulfills what he pledged to Allah

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Allah's pleasure with the believers who pledged allegiance under the tree

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Q49:13

Mankind created from male and female, made into peoples and tribes to know one another; noblest is most righteous

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Q51:56

Allah declares He created jinn and mankind only to worship Him

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Reference to Ibrahim, who fulfilled his covenant/obligations completely

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No bearer of burdens shall bear another's burden

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Rhetorical appeal: "He has already taken your mīthāq, if you are believers" — call to faith and spending

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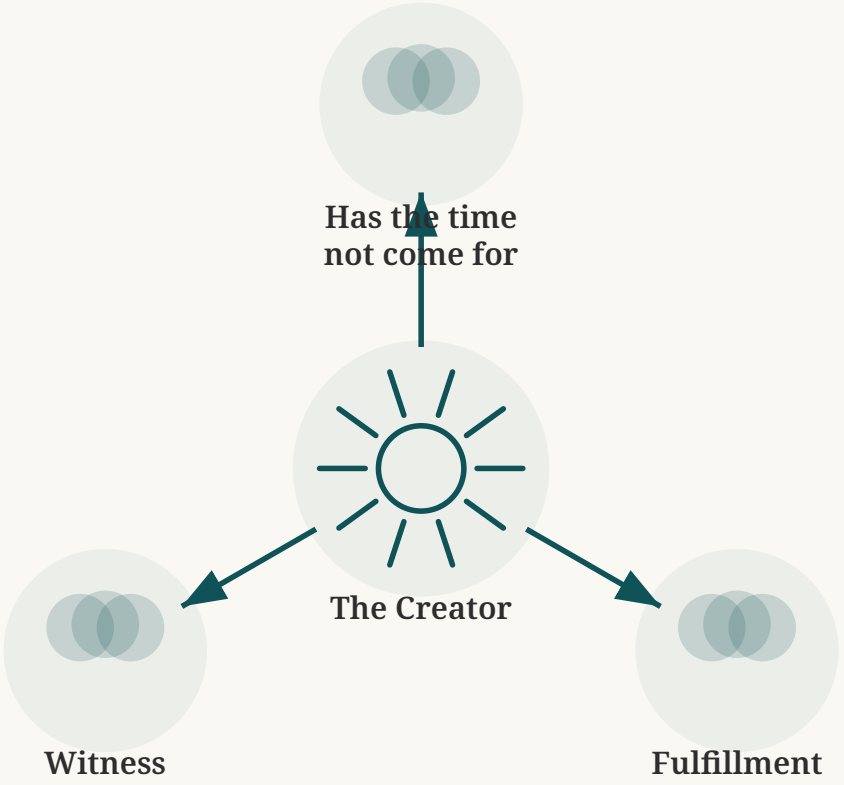

Has the time not come for believers' hearts to humbly submit to Allah's remembrance and revealed truth

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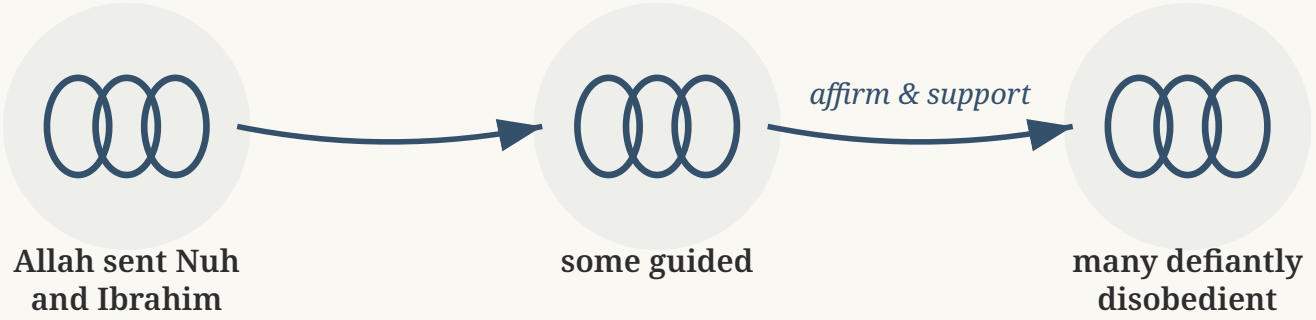
Q57:26-27



Allah sent Nuh and Ibrahim and their descendants prophethood and scripture; some guided, many defiantly disobedient

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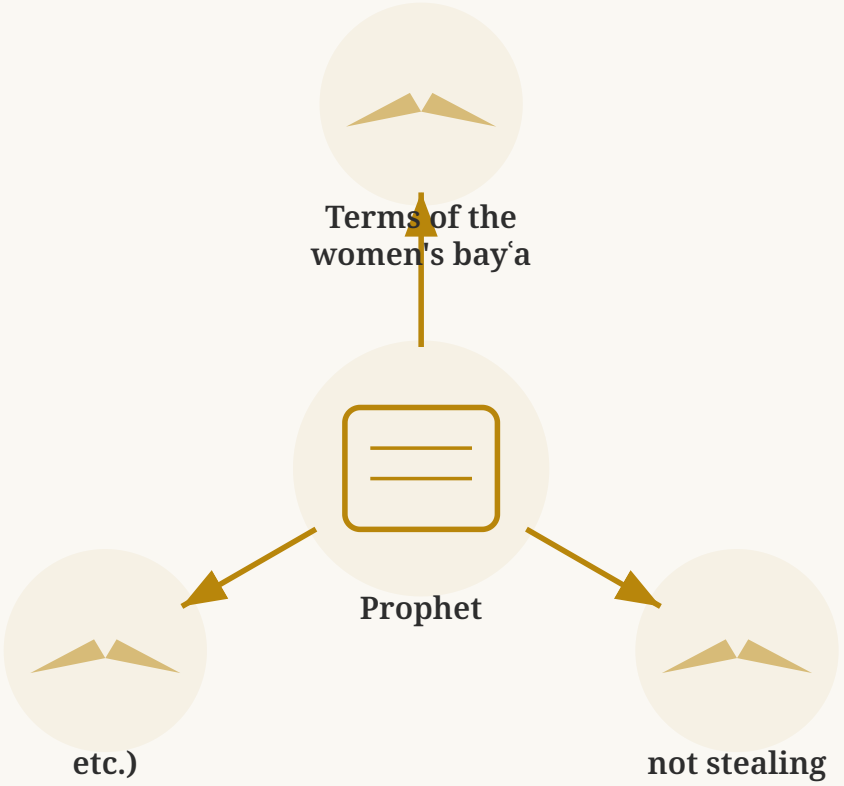

Terms of the women's bayʿah to the Prophet (not associating partners with Allah, not stealing, etc.)

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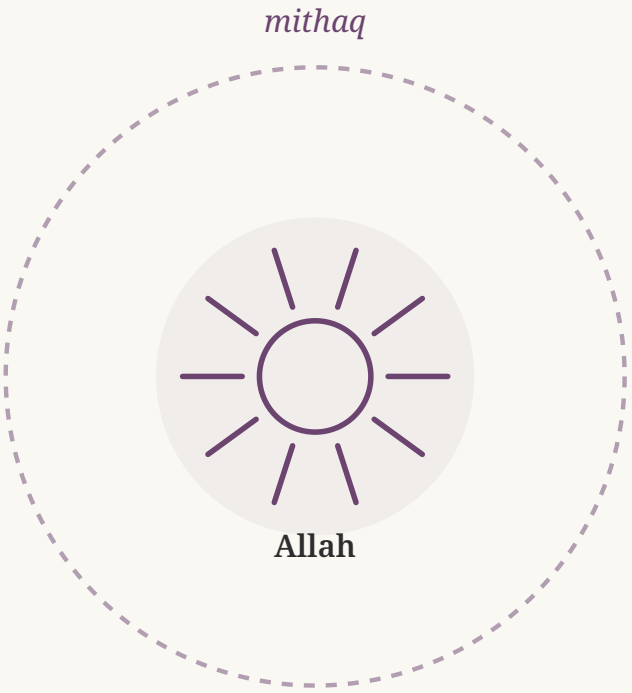
Q61:6



Isa announces to Bani Isra'il he is Allah's messenger confirming the Torah and giving glad tidings of Ahmad

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The hypocrites use their oaths as a shield, turning people away from Allah's path

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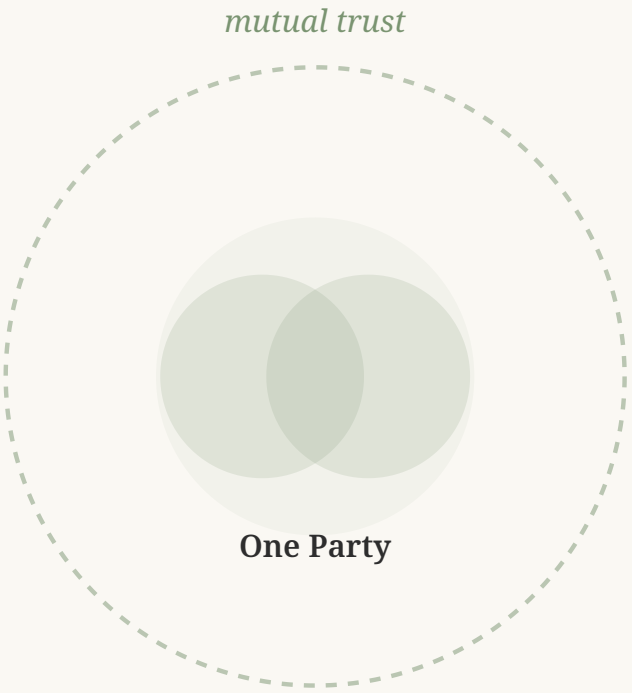

Ruling on divorced women's waiting period, taking honorable witnesses, and fearing Allah in dealings

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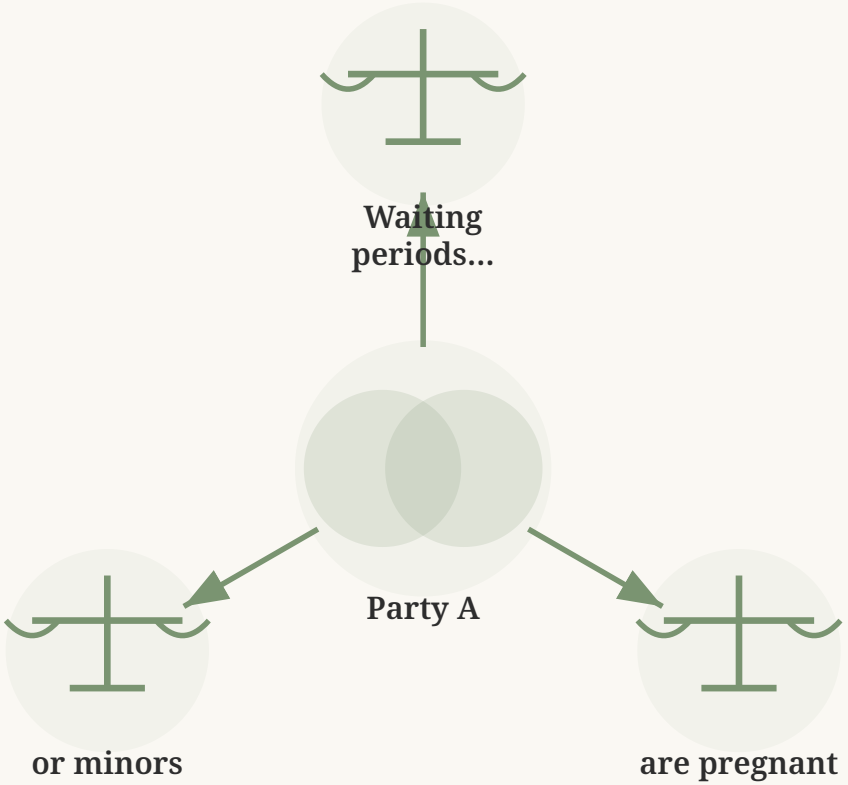

Waiting periods (iddah) specified for women who no longer menstruate, are pregnant, or minors

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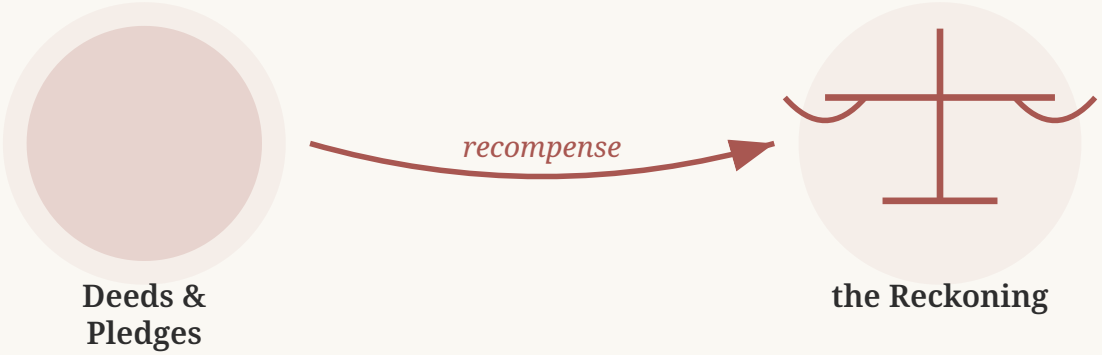

Believers called to sincere repentance so Allah may forgive sins and admit them to gardens

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Q70:32

Parallel to Q23:8 — watchfulness over trusts and covenants named among traits securing safety from punishment

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Q76:2

Allah created man from a mixed sperm-drop, testing him, making him hearing and seeing

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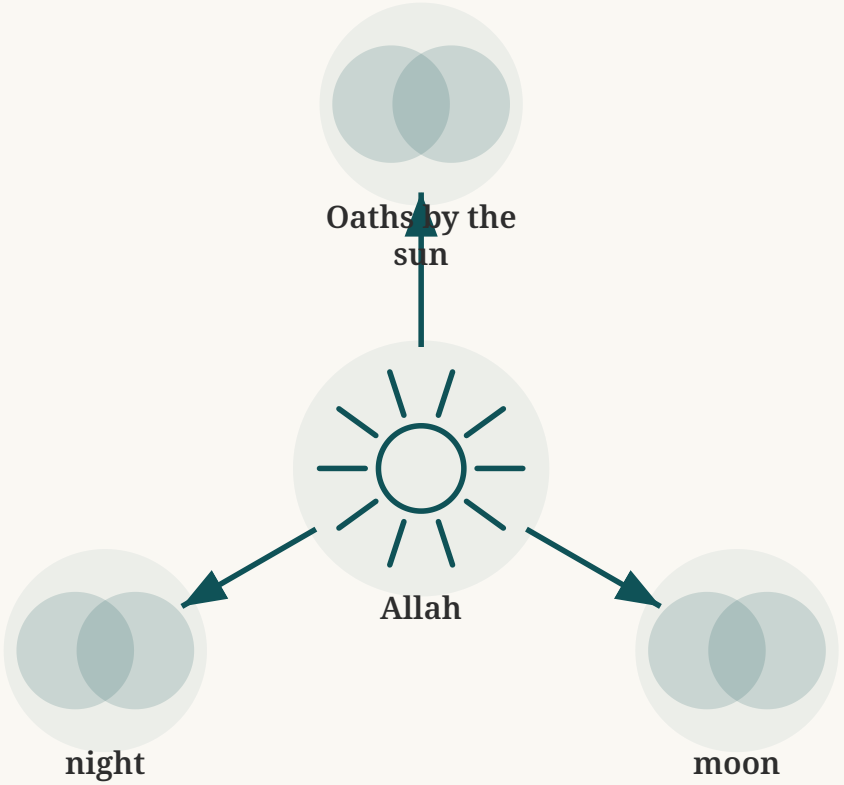
Q91:1-6



Oaths by the sun, moon, day, night, sky and earth introducing the soul's fitra oath

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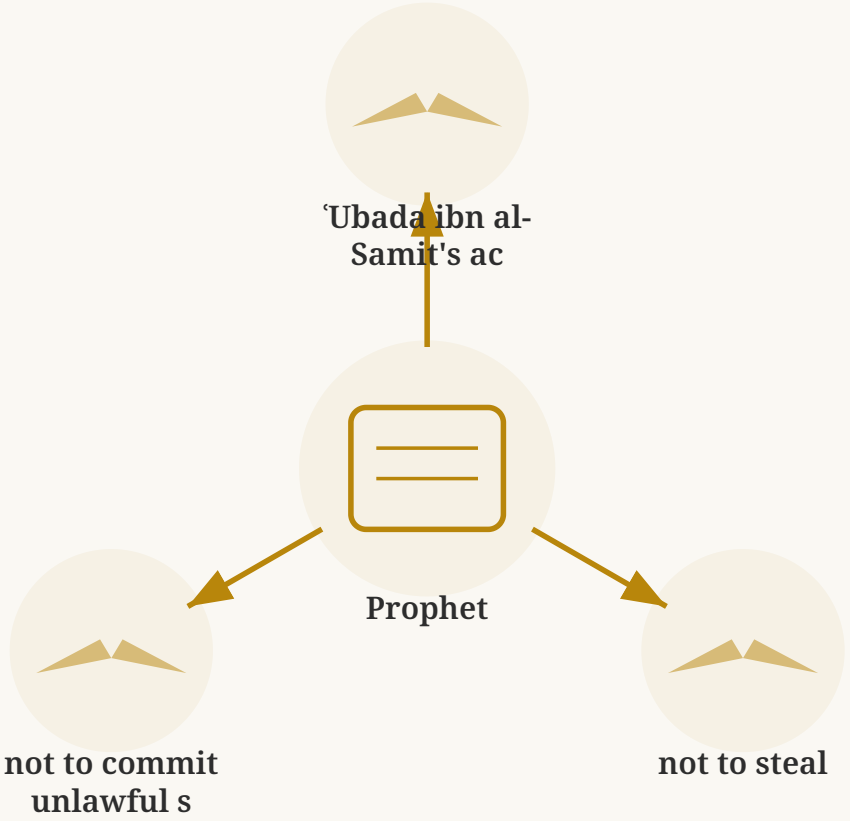

ʿUbada ibn al-Samit's account of the terms of bayʿah given to the Prophet : not to associate partners with Allah, not to steal, not to commit unlawful sexual intercourse,...

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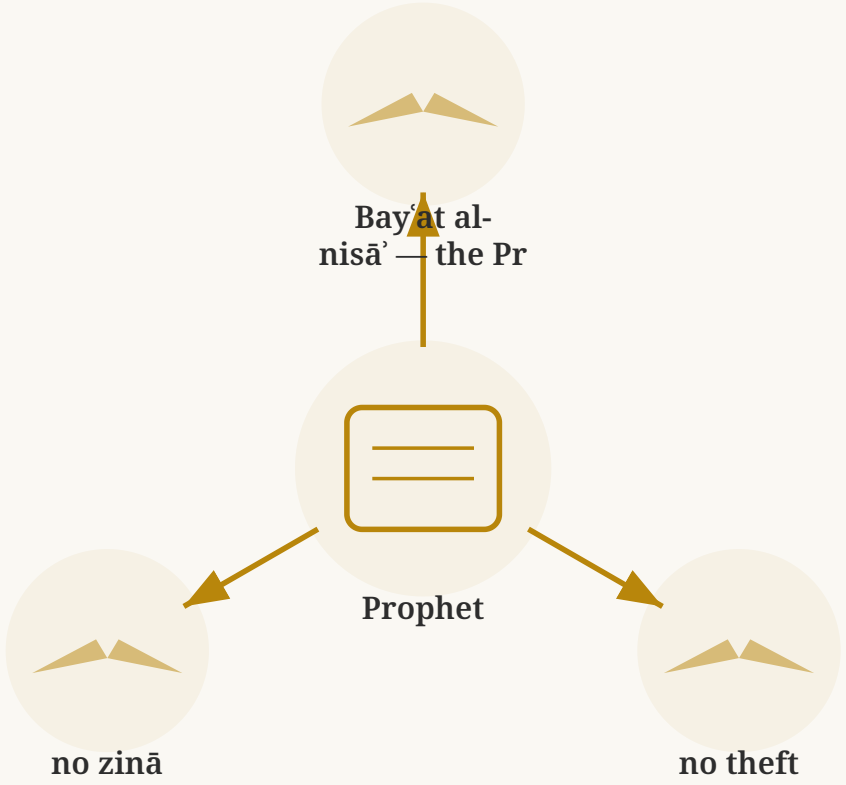

Bayʿat al-nisāʾ — the Prophet took the pledge of the women on the same substantive terms as ʿUbada's report (no shirk, no theft, no zinā, no killing of children, no slander/false…

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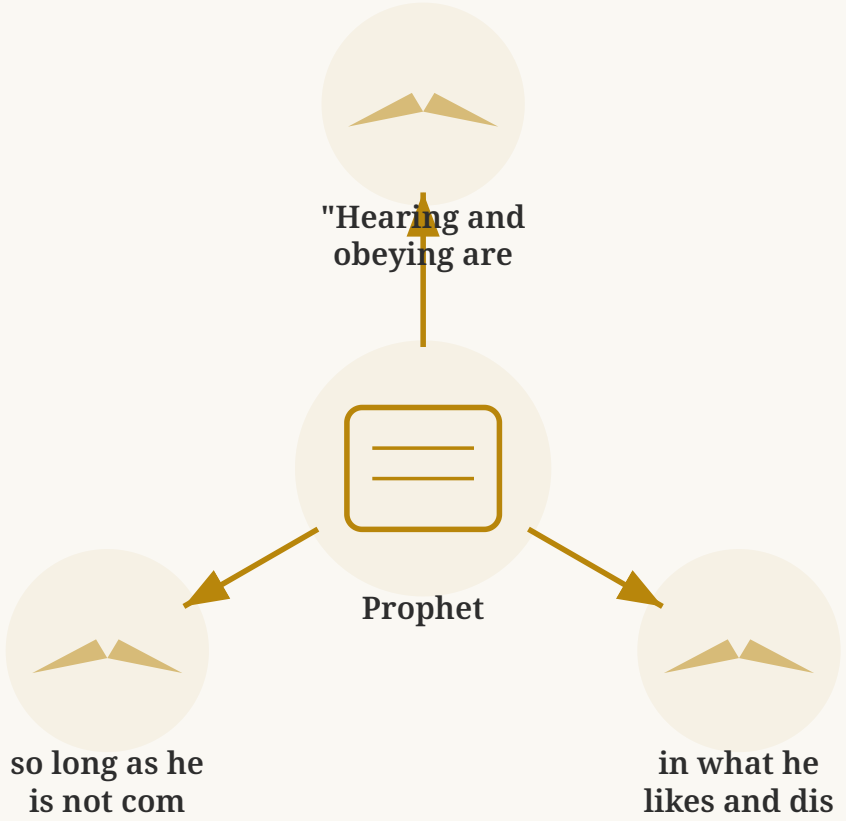
HADITH INDEX (A) · Muslim, Kitab al-Imara · Sahih

Pledge Hadith

"Whoever gives a pledge of allegiance (bayʿah) to an imam, giving him the clasp of his hand and the fruit of his heart's sincerity, let him obey him as far as he can; and if...

HADITH INDEX (A) · Bukhari, Kitab al-Ahkam · Sahih

Pledge Hadith



"Hearing and obeying are a duty upon the Muslim, in what he likes and dislikes, so long as he is not commanded to sin; if he is commanded to sin, there is no hearing or obedience"

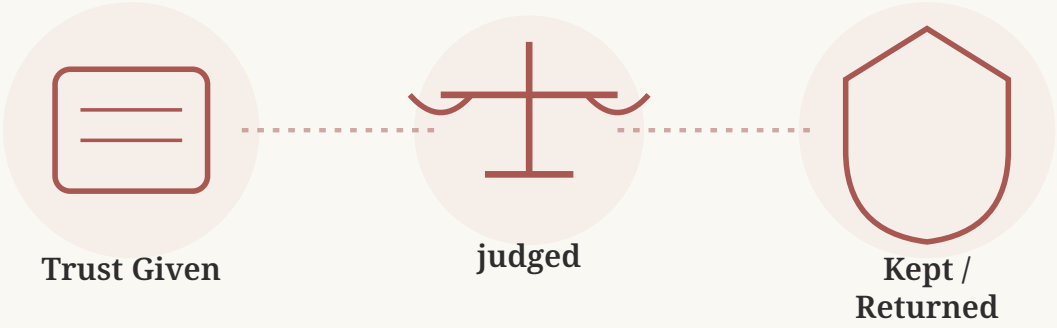
HADITH INDEX (A) · Reported in Musnad Ahmad and elsewhere · Widely graded sahih/hasan by hadi

Pledge Hadith

"There is no obedience to any creature in disobedience to the Creator" (lā ṭāʿata li-makhlūqin fī maʿṣiyati l-Khāliq)

HADITH INDEX (B) · Bukhari, Kitab al-Riqaq (also Kitab al-Ilm) · Sahih

Trust Hadith



"When the trust (amānah) is lost, then wait for the Hour." It was asked, "How will it be lost?" He said: "When authority is entrusted to those unfit for it, then wait for the...

HADITH INDEX (B) · Musnad Ahmad · Graded hasan by some later critics (e.g. cited as hasan by al-A

Trust Hadith

amanah

"There is no faith (īmān) for one who has no trustworthiness (amānah), and no religion (dīn) for one who does not keep his covenants ('ahd)"

HADITH INDEX (B) · Abu Dawud, Kitab al-Buyu' · Graded hasan (commonly attributed to al-Albani as

Trust Hadith

"Render the trust (amānah) to the one who entrusted it to you, and do not betray the one who betrays you"

HADITH INDEX (B) · Bukhari, Kitab al-Iman, and Kitab al-Shahadat · Sahih

Trust Hadith

The signs of the hypocrite (munāfiq): "When he speaks he lies, when he promises he breaks his promise, and when he is entrusted he betrays [the trust]" (three-sign version); a…

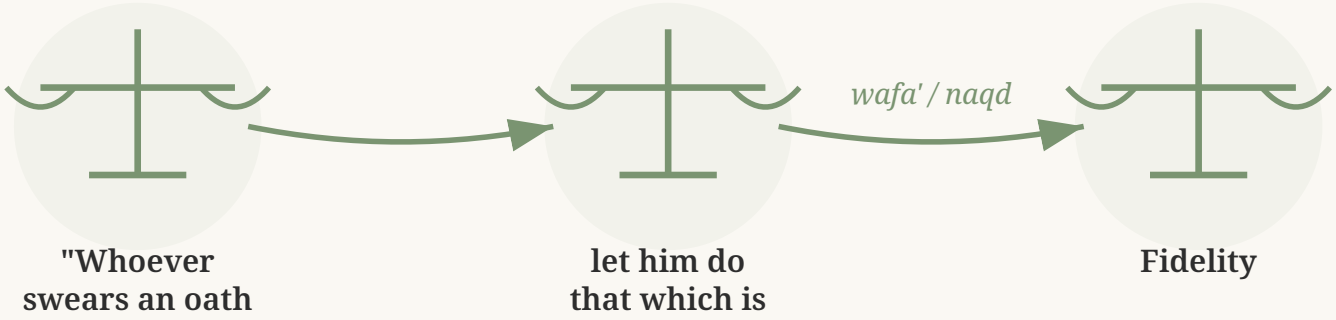
HADITH INDEX (B) · Abu Dawud, Kitab al-Buyu' · Hasan (commonly so graded; grading not independ

Trust Hadith

"Give back the trust to the one who entrusted it to you, even if he [the depositor] was one who betrayed you" — variant phrasing of the amānah-return hadith emphasizing…

HADITH INDEX (C) · Bukhari, Kitab al-Ayman wa-l-Nudhur · Sahih

Oath-Keeping Hadith



"Whoever swears an oath and sees something better than it, let him do that which is better and expiate for his oath (kaffārah)"

HADITH INDEX (C) · Muslim, Kitab al-Ayman · Sahih (as narrated matter reflecting the Qur'anic legi

Oath-Keeping Hadith

wafa' / naqd

The kaffārah for breaking an oath specified as feeding ten poor persons, clothing them, freeing a slave, or — failing capacity for any of these — fasting three days

HADITH INDEX (C) · Bukhari, Kitab al-Iman · Sahih

Oath-Keeping Hadith

Among the signs of the hypocrite: "when he makes a covenant (ʿāhada) he proves treacherous" (in some narrations of the expanded, four-sign hadith)

HADITH INDEX (C) · Bukhari, Kitab al-Jizya wa-l-Muwada'a (also Kitab al-Adab) · Sahih

Oath-Keeping Hadith

"The most treacherous form of treachery (aghdaru l-ghadri) is for a man to give his word (ʿahd) to another man, so that [the other] trusts him on that basis, and then he betrays…

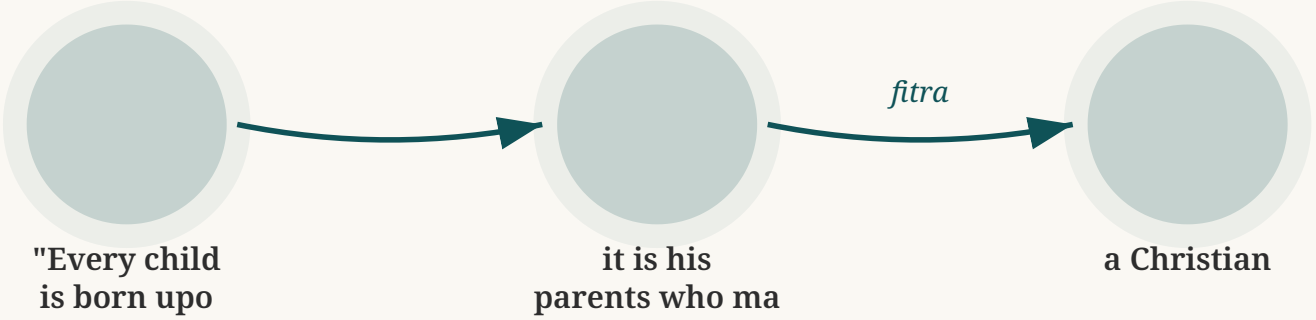
HADITH INDEX (C) · Bukhari, Kitab al-Adab and Kitab al-Jizya · Sahih

Oath-Keeping Hadith

"On the Day of Resurrection, every treacherous person (ghādir) will have a banner raised for him, by which he will be known, and it will be said: this is the treachery of so-and-...

HADITH INDEX (D) · Bukhari, Kitab al-Jana'iz (also Kitab al-Qadar, Kitab al-Tafsir on Surat al-Rum)

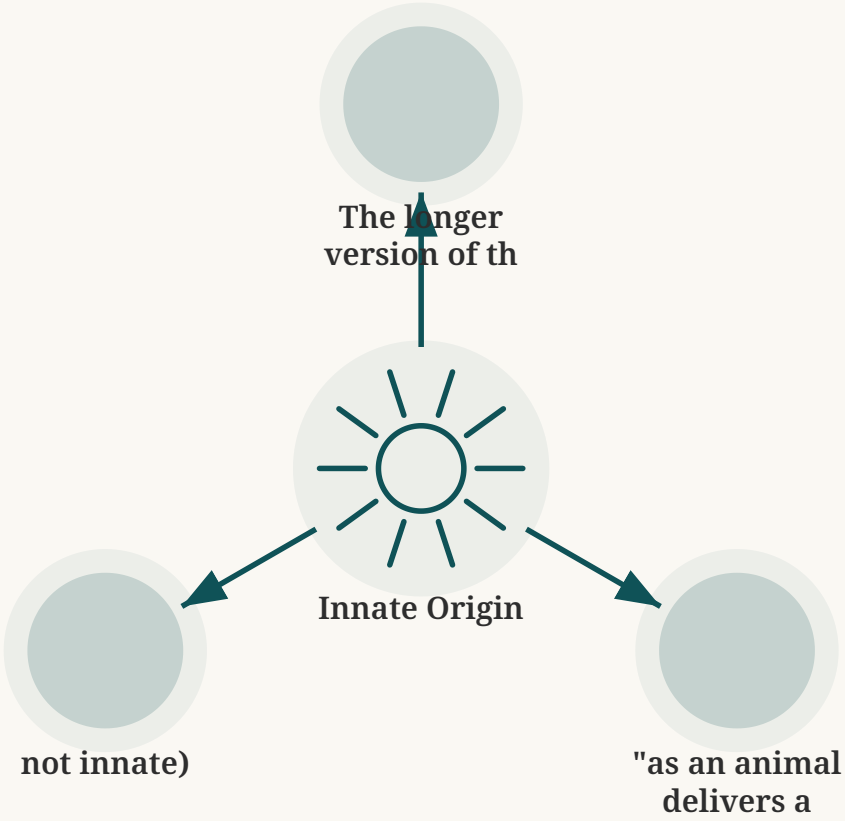
Fitra Hadith



"Every child is born upon the fiṭra; it is his parents who make him a Jew, a Christian, or a Magian"

HADITH INDEX (D) · Bukhari, Kitab al-Jana'iz · Sahih

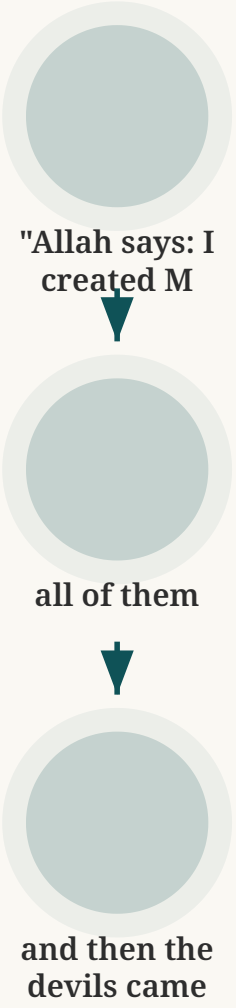
Fitra Hadith



The longer version of the fiṭra hadith adding, "as an animal delivers a perfect young animal — do you detect any mutilation in it?" (illustrating that deviation from fiṭra is...

HADITH INDEX (D) · Muslim, Kitab al-Jannah wa-Sifat Na'imiha · Sahih

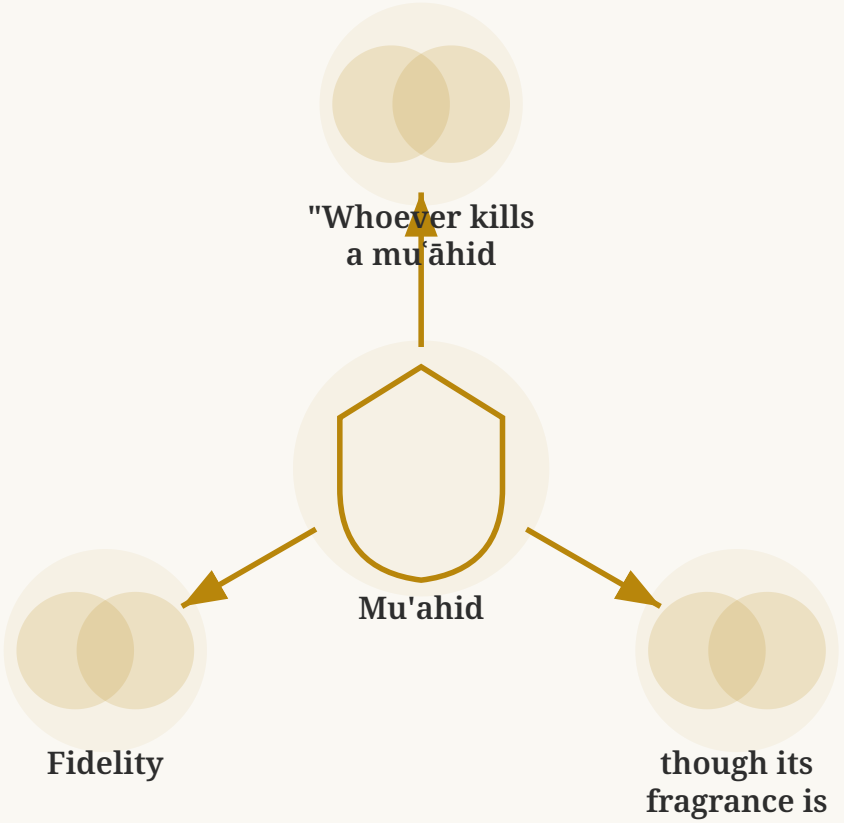
Fitra Hadith



"Allah says: I created My servants ḥunafāʾ [inclined to truth/monotheism], all of them, and then the devils came to them and turned them away from their religion" (qudsi hadith)

HADITH INDEX (E) · Bukhari, Kitab al-Jizya wa-l-Muwada'a · Sahih

Treaty Partner Hadith



"Whoever kills a muʿāhid (a person under a covenant of protection/treaty) will not smell the fragrance of Paradise, though its fragrance is found at a distance of forty years'...

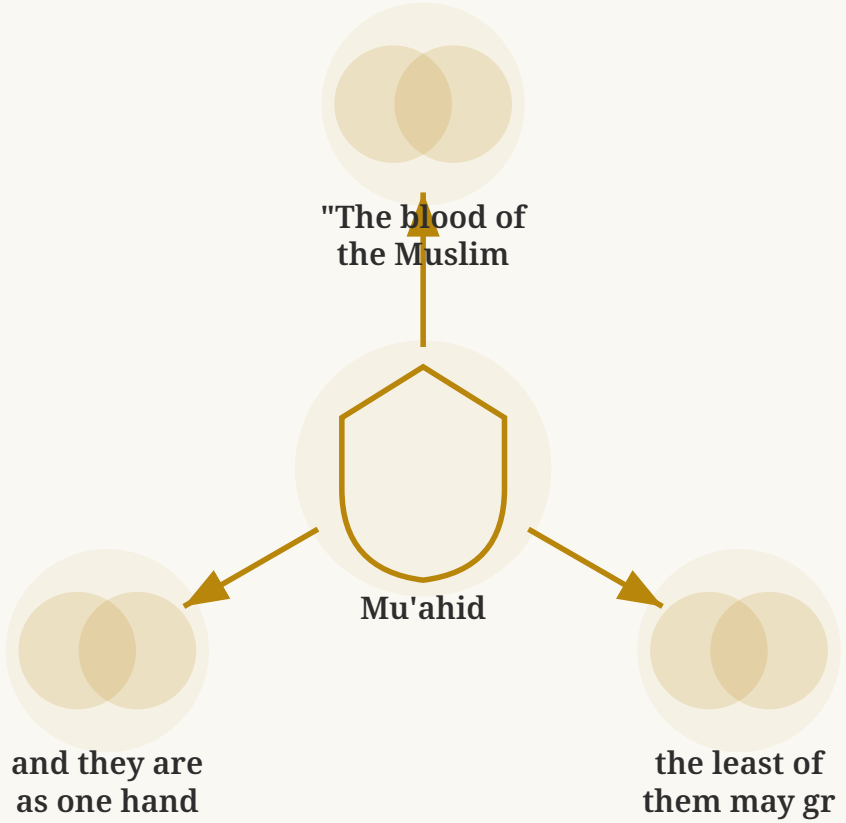
HADITH INDEX (E) · Abu Dawud, Kitab al-Kharaj wa-l-Imara wa-l-Fay' · Reported with a discussed is

Treaty Partner Hadith

"Whoever wrongs a person with whom a covenant has been made (muʿāhad), or diminishes his right, or burdens him beyond his capacity, or takes something from him without his...

HADITH INDEX (E) · Bukhari, Kitab al-Diyat / Kitab al-Jizya wa-l-Muwada'a · Sahih

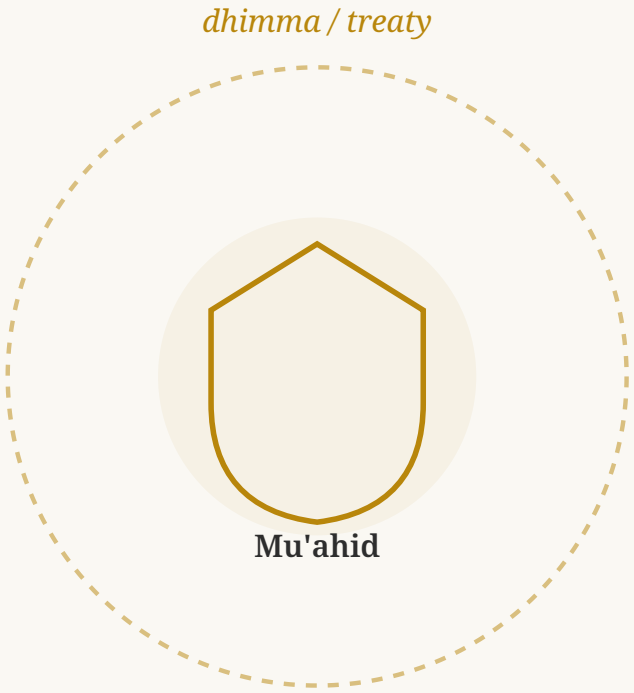
Treaty Partner Hadith



"The blood of the Muslims is equal in worth (their retaliation is the same); the least of them may grant protection (dhimma) on behalf of all of them; and they are as one hand...

HADITH INDEX (E) · Preserved primarily through Ibn Ishaq's sīra (as transmitted by Ibn Hisham), n

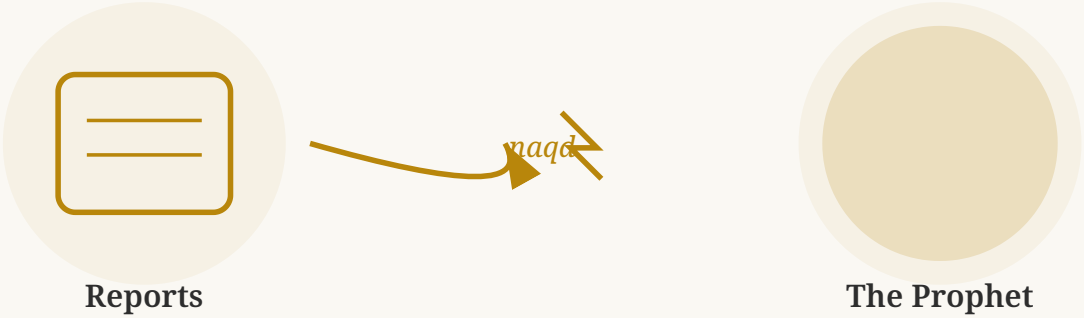
Treaty Partner Hadith



Reports of the "Constitution/Covenant of Madinah" (ṣaḥīfat al-madīnah), in which the Prophet set out mutual obligations among the Muhajirun, Ansar, and the Jewish tribes of…

HADITH INDEX (F) · Bukhari, Kitab Bad' al-Wahy and Kitab al-Jihad (the long Heraclius narration) ·

The Prophet's Character



Abu Sufyan's testimony to Heraclius describing the Prophet , prior to his own conversion: "he never betrays" (wa-lā yaghdiru), among the traits Abu Sufyan could not deny of him…

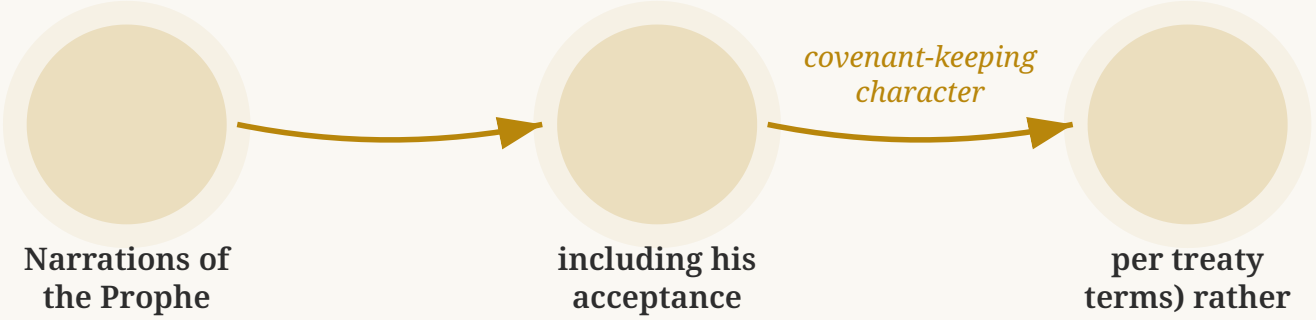
HADITH INDEX (F) · Bukhari and Muslim, various chapters on the Prophet's character (Kitab al-Adal

The Prophet's Character

ʿA'isha's description: "The Messenger of Allah was not one who spoke obscenely, nor one who cursed, nor one who raised his voice in the marketplaces, nor did he repay evil with...

HADITH INDEX (F) · Bukhari, Kitab al-Shurut (notably the "Kitab al-Shurut fi'l-Jihad" chapter on the

The Prophet's Character



Narrations of the Prophet's conduct at Hudaybiyah, including his acceptance of terms unfavorable to the Muslims at the time (returning a Muslim convert who fled to Madinah,...

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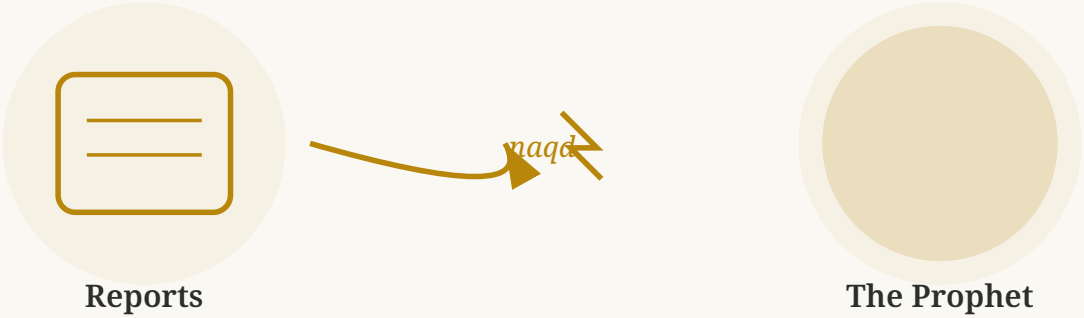
The Prophet's Character



The Prophet's statement upon the death of a person who had broken a covenant with him, or general reports of his refusal to initiate hostilities against parties bound to him by...

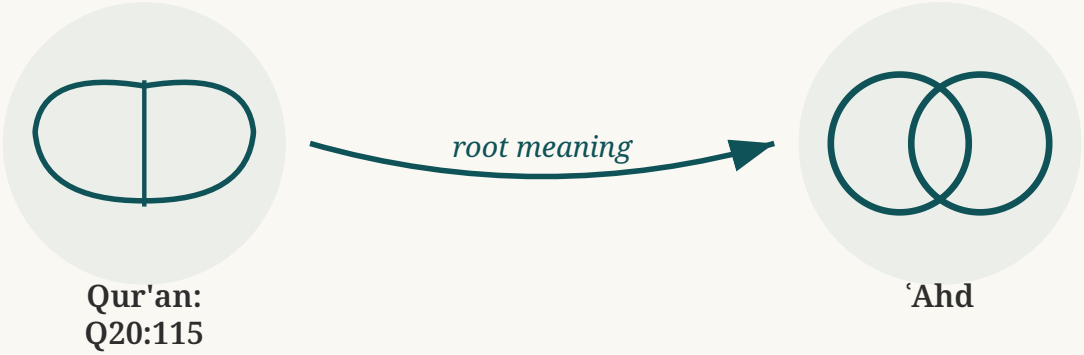
Part IV

Lexicon — the corpus's 22 core Arabic terms

22 ILLUSTRATIONS

LEXICON · COVENANT, PACT, PLEDGE, TRUST

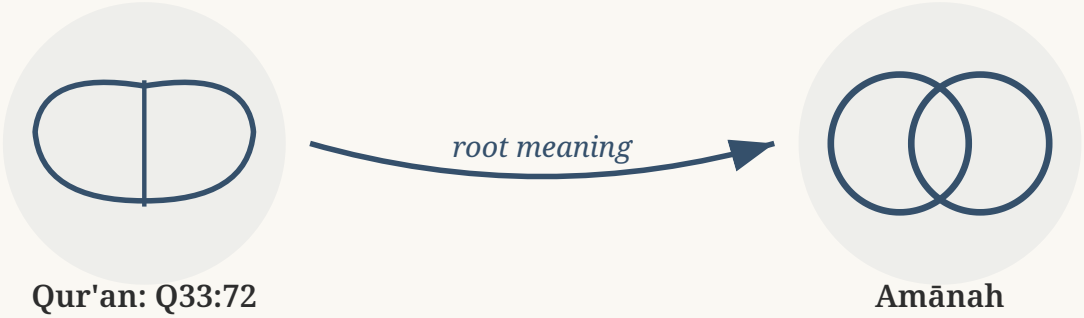
ʿAhd



The root ʿ-h-d (ع-ه-د) conveys the sense of committing oneself to something, taking responsibility for its upkeep, and — by extension — the solemn tie that results from such…

LEXICON · TRUST

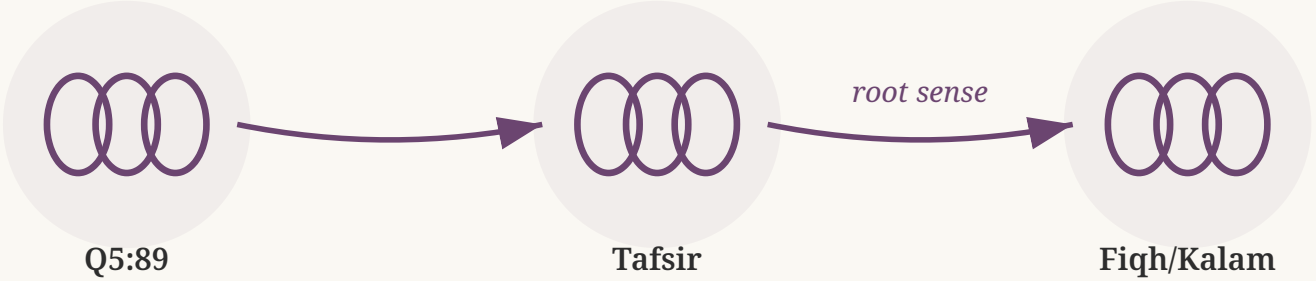
Amānah



Amānah derives from the root ʾ-m-n (أ-م-ن), whose core sense is security, safety, and freedom from fear — the same root as īmān (faith) and amn (security/safety)

LEXICON · OATHS

Aymān



Aymān is the plural of yamīn, from the root y-m-n (ي-م-ن)

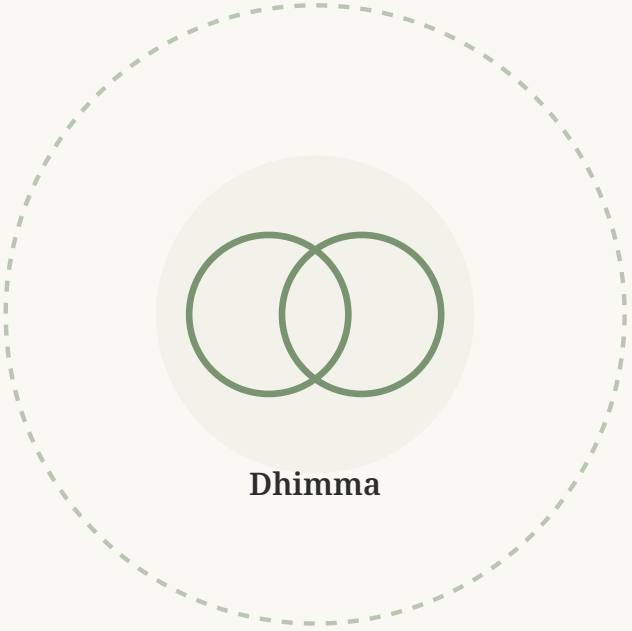
LEXICON · PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bayʿah

Bayʿah derives from the root b-y-ʿ (ب-ي-ع), whose primary meaning is "to sell" or "to conduct a transaction" (bayʿ, sale; the same root gives mabīʿ, that which is sold, and…

LEXICON · PROTECTED COVENANT, RESPONSIBILITY

Dhimma



Dhimma derives from the root dh-m-m (ذ-م-م), whose basic sense is blame or censure (dhamm, "to blame/censure" — the antonym of ḥamd, praise)

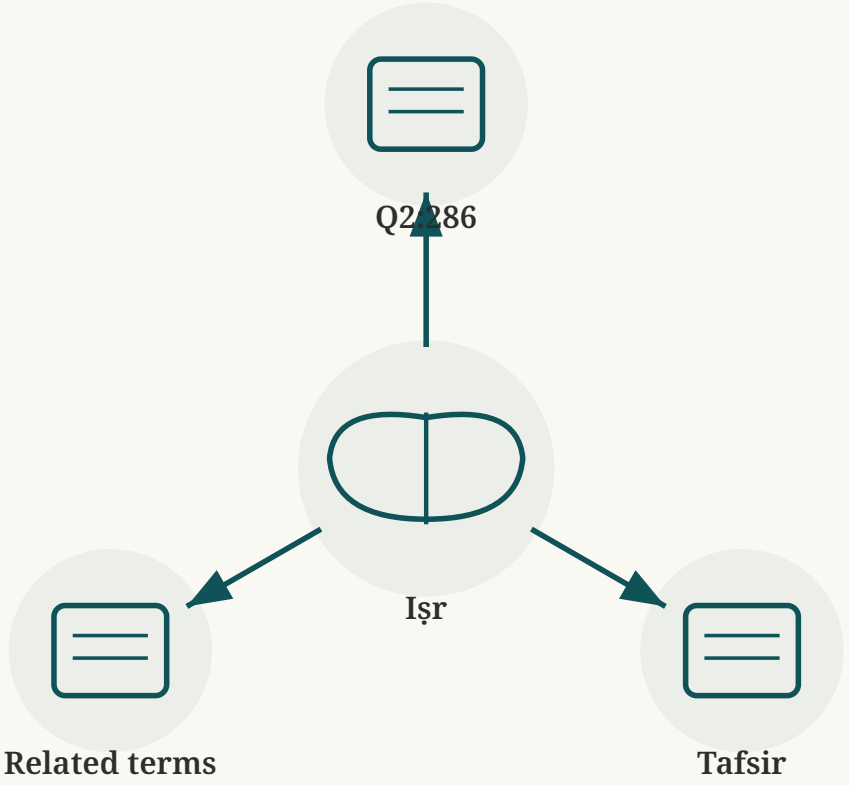
LEXICON · INNATE DISPOSITION, ORIGINAL NATURE

Fiṭra

The root f-ṭ-r (ف-ط-ر) denotes splitting or cleaving something open, and by extension, originating or bringing something into existence for the first time — as if creation…

LEXICON · BURDEN, HEAVY COVENANT-OBLIGATION

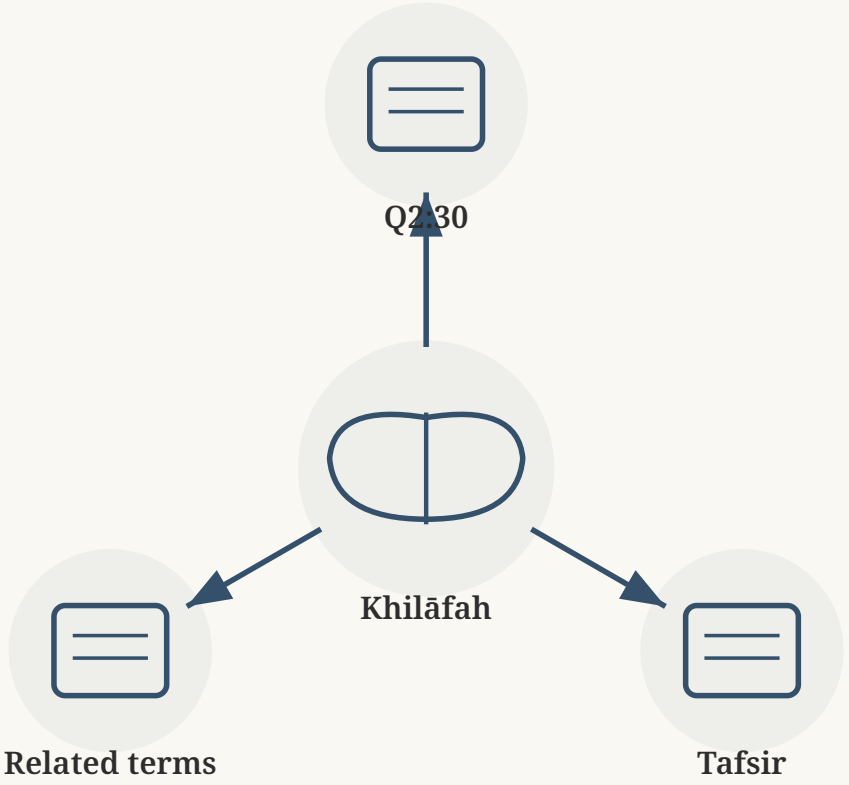
Iṣr



Iṣr derives from the root ʾ-ṣ-r (أ-ص-ر), whose core sense is to bind, restrain, or press something firmly, hence to withhold or confine

LEXICON · VICEGERENCY, TRUSTEESHIP ON EARTH

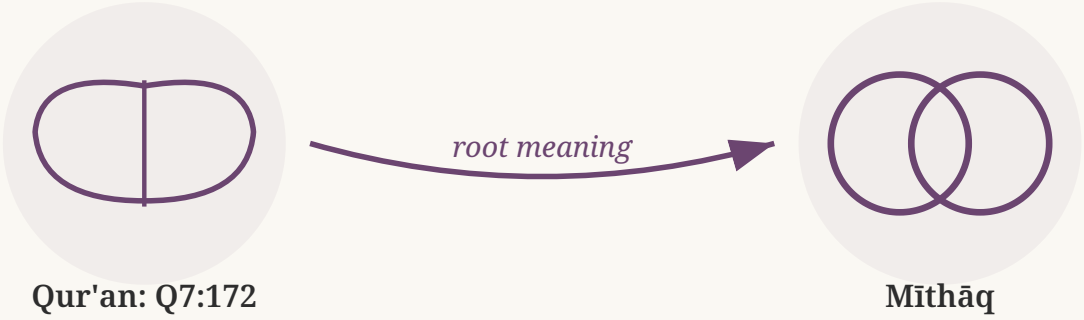
Khilāfah



The root kh-l-f (خ-ل-ف) conveys succession — coming after, standing in place of another, or being left behind to represent someone

LEXICON · SOLEMN COVENANT, COMPACT

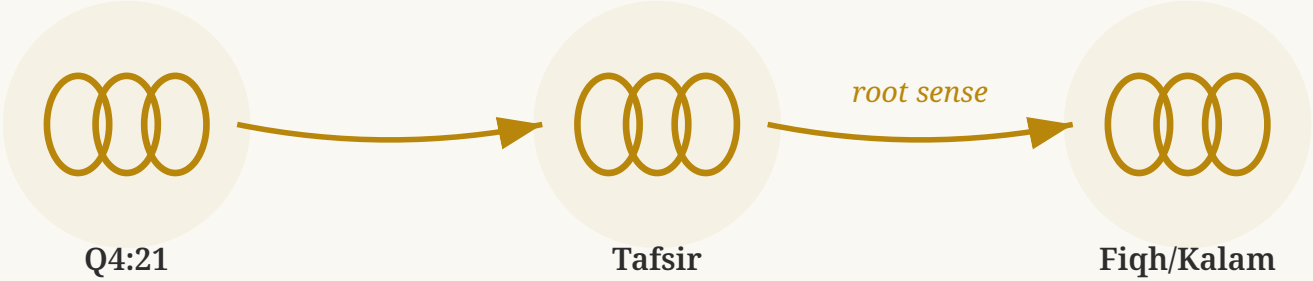
Mīthāq



Mīthāq derives from the root w-th-q (و-ث-ق), whose basic sense is firmness, reliability, and trustworthy binding — the same root that gives wathīqa (a binding document/deed) and…

LEXICON · MARRIAGE AS SOLEMN COVENANT

Nikāḥ



The root n-k-ḥ (ن-ك-ح) in its base sense denotes joining or contracting union; Ibn Fāris (Muʿjam Maqāyīs al-Lugha) notes Arab lexicographers connected it to the sense of ḍamm…

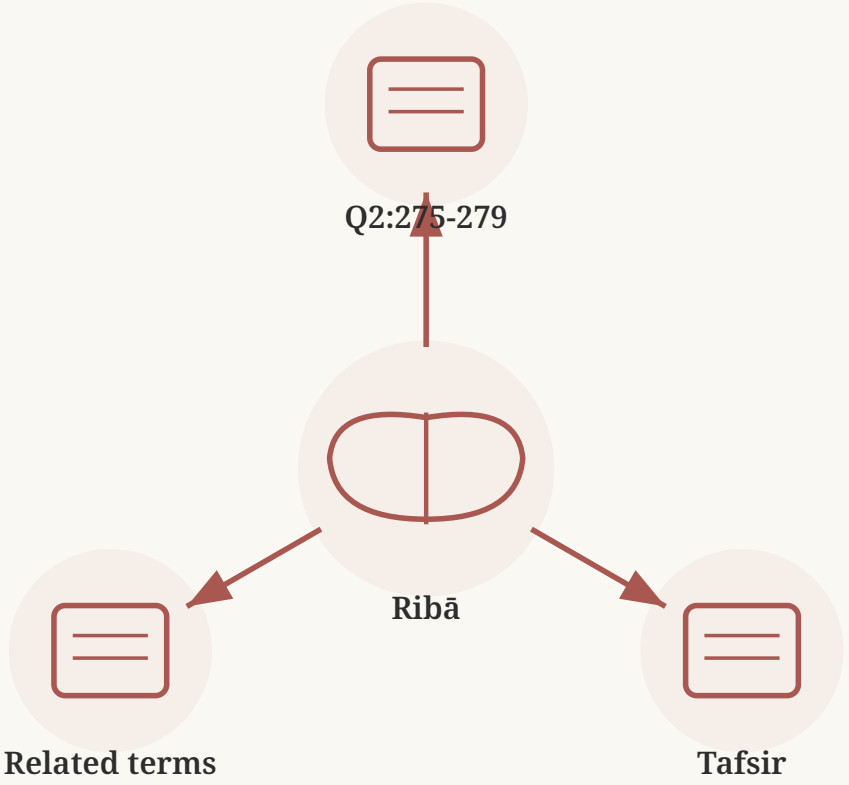
LEXICON · LORD, SUSTAINER, THE ONE WHO OWNS AND NURTURES

Rabb

The root r-b-b (ب-ب-ر) carries the sense of ownership joined to nurture: to be someone's rabb is to possess, govern, and bring something to its proper completion by stages

LEXICON · USURY AS BREACH OF ECONOMIC TRUST

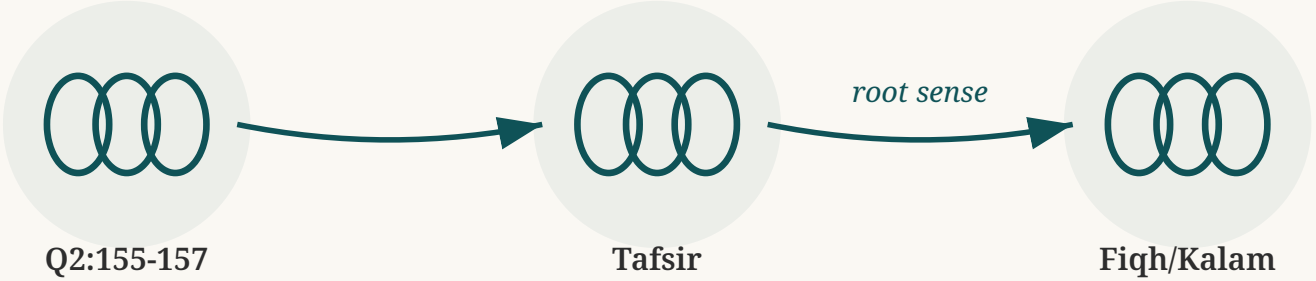
Ribā



The root r-b-w (ر-ب-و) denotes increase, growth, or swelling

LEXICON · PATIENCE, STEADFASTNESS AS COVENANT-FIDELITY UNDER TRIAL

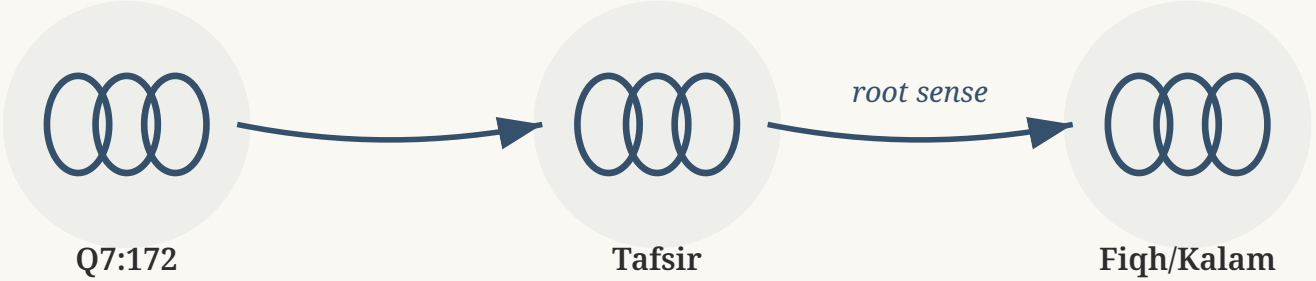
Ṣabr



The root ṣ-b-r (ص-ب-ر) denotes confinement, restraint, and holding something firmly in place

LEXICON · TESTIMONY, WITNESSING

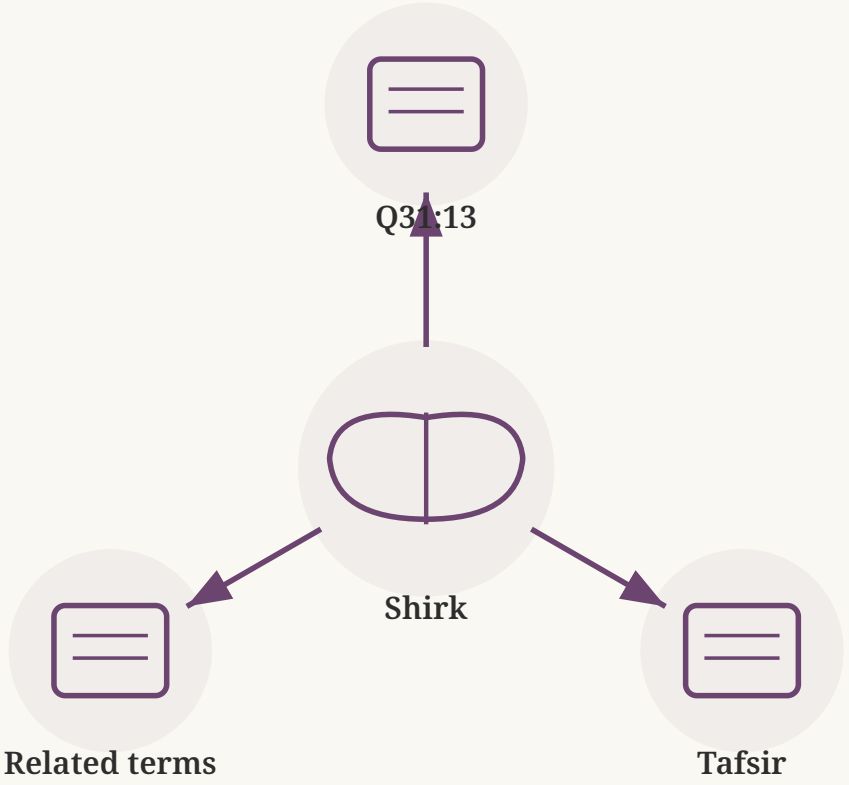
Shahāda



The root sh-h-d (ش-ه-د) denotes presence joined to knowledge — to witness something is to be present at it and to know it directly, and by extension to bear formal report of what…

LEXICON · ASSOCIATION OF PARTNERS WITH ALLAH

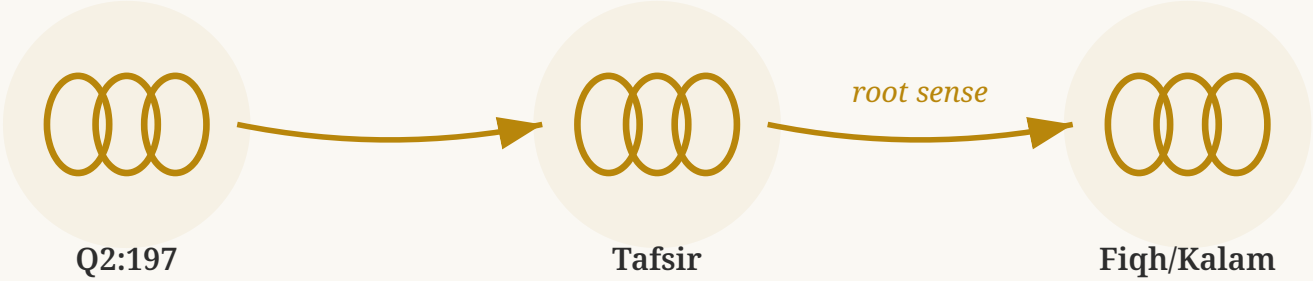
Shirk



The root sh-r-k (ش-ر-ك) signifies partnership, sharing, or association — two or more parties holding a stake in the same thing

LEXICON · GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS, GUARDING ONESELF AGAINST WRONG

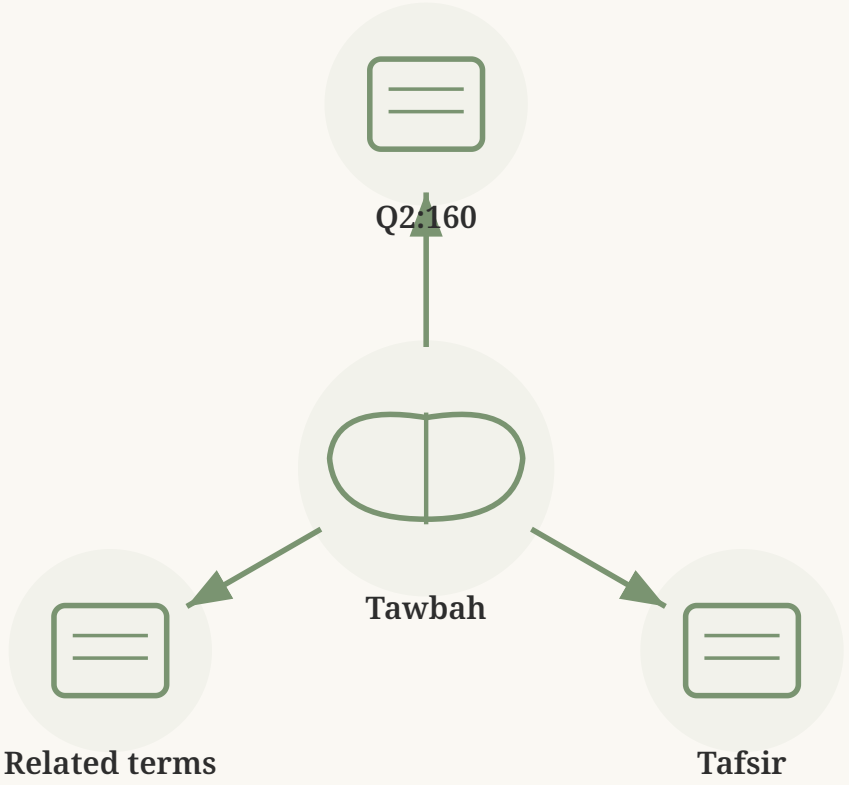
Taqwā



The root w-q-y (و-ق-ي) conveys the sense of guarding, shielding, or protecting something from harm

LEXICON · REPENTANCE AS COVENANT-RESTORATION

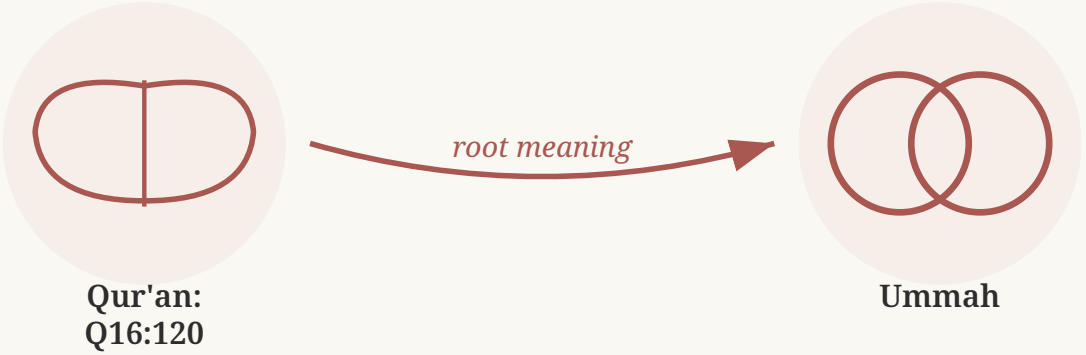
Tawbah



The root t-w-b (ت-و-ب) denotes returning — a turning back to a point of origin

LEXICON · COVENANTED COMMUNITY

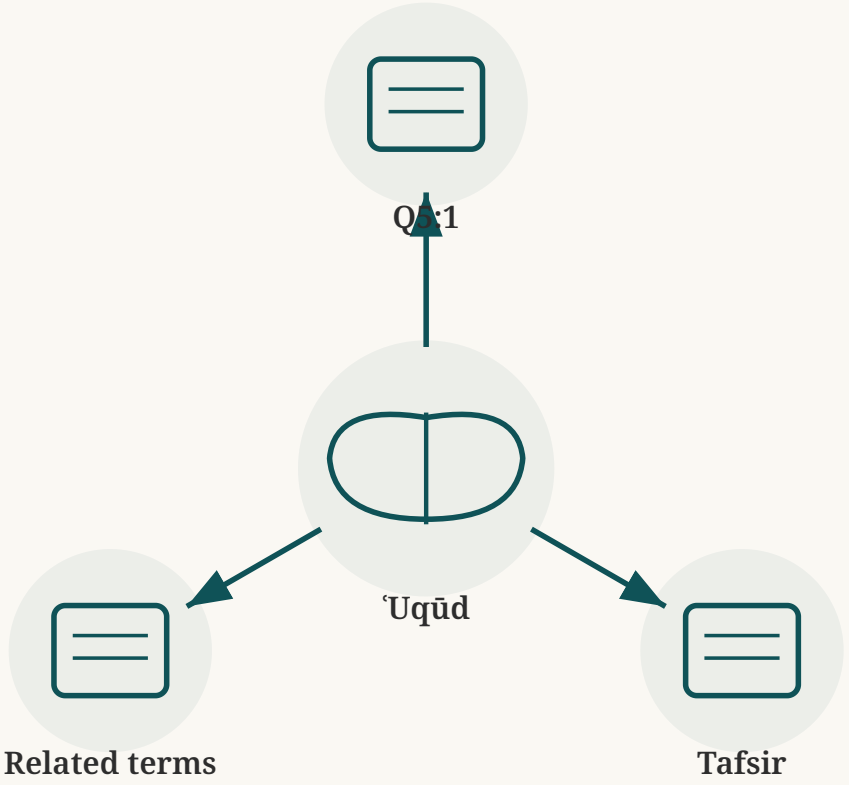
Ummah



The root '-m-m (أ-م-م) relates to umm (mother) and amām (in front, leading), and by extension to a group that follows a common way (imām, leader; ummah, a community united by…

LEXICON · CONTRACTS, BONDS

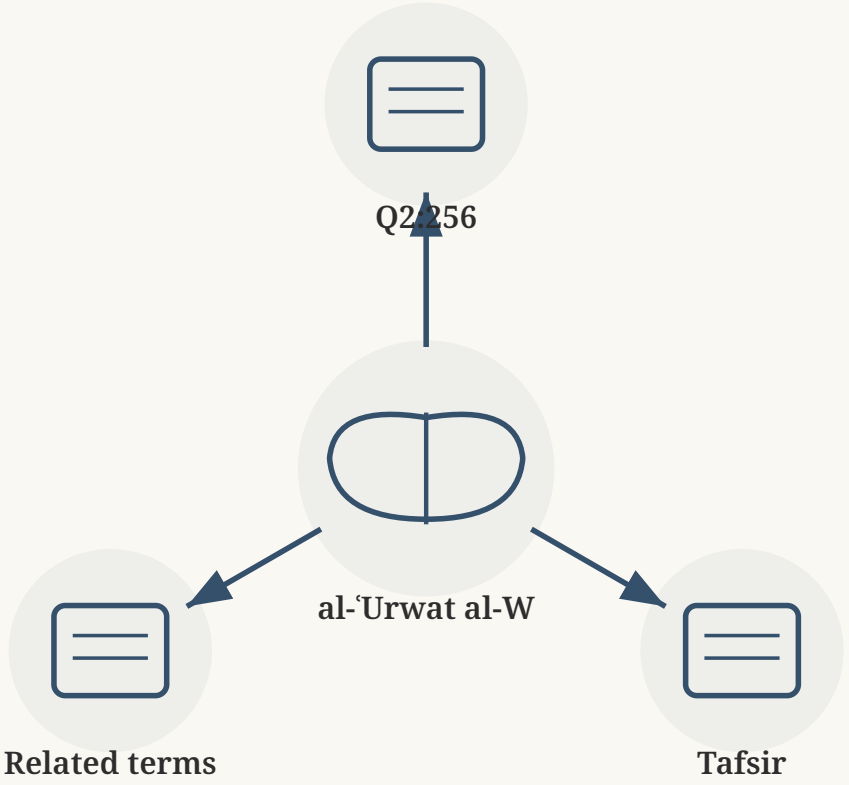
ʿUqūd



ʿUqūd is the plural of ʿaqd, from the root ʿ-q-d (ع-ق-د), whose primary physical meaning is to tie, knot, or bind firmly (ʿaqada l-ḥabl, "he tied the rope")

LEXICON · THE FIRMEST HANDHOLD

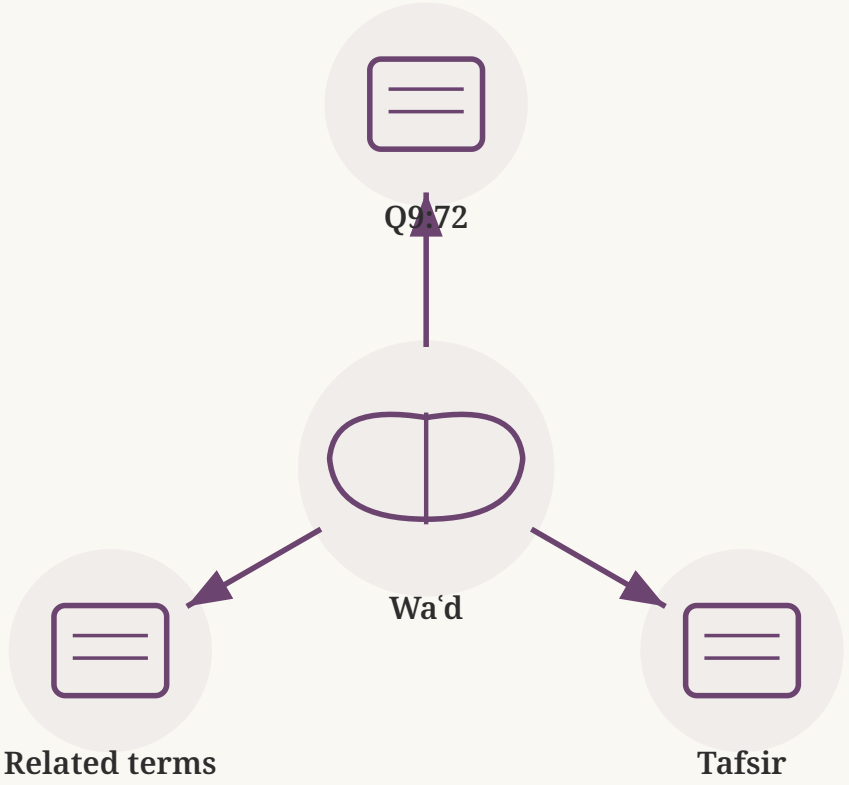
al-ʿUrwat al-Wuthqā



The phrase combines two roots

LEXICON · PROMISE

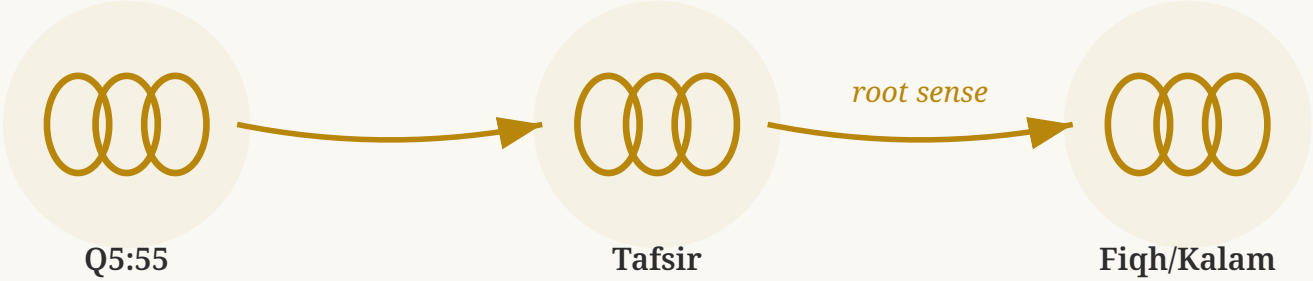
Waʿd



The root w-ʿ-d (و-ع-د) denotes a statement made about a future matter, positive or negative

LEXICON · COVENANTAL LOYALTY, ALLIANCE, PROTECTIVE CLOSENESS

Walāyah



The root w-l-y (و-ل-ي) denotes nearness, succession without intervening distance, and by extension the closeness that grounds mutual support, authority, or protection